

ANNO XXI.
HENRICI
OCTAVI.

STATVTA AD REMP.

Speſtantia, edita in prima ſeſſione

parliamenti, primo inchoati in ciuitate Lon-

din. tertio die Nouembris, Anno regni

inuiſſimi principis Henrici octavi,

Anglie & Francie regis, fidei defen-

ſoris, & domini Hibernie, XXI

& ex ea ciuitate tam adiur-

nati quam prorogati ad

Palatium VVeſtmon.

& ibidem continu-

ati per. XLIII.

dies, vide-

licet vſq;

ad

XVII. diem Decembris & ab

eiſdem loco & die pro-

gati vſque ad. XXVI.

diem Aprilis

tunc pro-

xime

inſtantis.

Excudebat Londini,

ANNO. 1562.

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He kinge our soueraigne lord callinge to his blessed and most gracious remembrance the daily and manifold daungers, wherein his good and louinge subiectes of this his realme of Englande doo and maie incur by thinges done perpetrated, and committed contrarie to the order of his lawes, and hauing alwaie tender eye, with mercy, pitie, & compassion toward his saide subiectes, myndinge of his high goodnes and greate benignitie so alwaies to impart the same vnto them, as iustice beinge daily administrated, all rigour be excluded, and the great and beneuolent mindes of the kinges saide subiectes largely and manie tymes approued toward his highnes, by correspondence of gratitude reacquited, of his mere motion, benignitee, and liberalitie, by auctoritie of his parliamente hath geuen and graunted his liberall and free pardon to his saide good and louinge subiectes and to euery of them to be hadde taken and enioyed to and by them and euery of them by vertue of this present acte, in maner and fourme ensuiuinge.

That is to wete, the kinges highnes of his said benignitie and high liberalitie is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be ordeined, established, and enacted, by auctoritie of this his said parliament, that all and euery of his saide subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall, the heires successours, executors, and administrators of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in anye maner of people corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythinges, and euery of them, the successours and the successor of euery of them shalbe by the auctoritie of this present parliament acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against his highnes, his heires successours and executors, and euery of them, of all and all maner offences, contempts, trespasses, wronges, deceptes, misdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, profits, summes of money, peynes of death, and peines corporall, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarells, lutes, iudgements, and executions in this present act hereafter not excepted nor forpysed, which maie be or can be by his highnesse in any wise or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the laste daie of the monethe of Octobze, in the. xxi. yere of his moste noble reigne, to euery of his saide subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes, lathes rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythinges, or to any of them. And also the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that this said free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his saide subiectes of this his realme, and to all and euery of the said bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, ridinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes wapentakes, townes, villages, and tythinges,

tithinges, and to euery of them, by these generall wordes before reherled, in all thinges, whiche be not hereafter excepted, as the saide pardon shulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarells, iudgements, execucions, penalties, & al other thinges not hereafter excepted, hadde be particularlie, singularlie, speciallie, and plainlie pardoned, named, reherled, and specified, by propre or expresse wordes, & names in their kindes, natures, and qualities, in wordes, and termes therunto requisite in the saide pardon, and that his said subiectes nor anie of them, their heires, executors, nor administrators, nor the heires, executors, or administrators of any of them, nor any of the saide bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages nor tithinges, nor anie of them, be sued, vexed or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes, nor cattels for ani maner matter cause, cōtempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespass, offence, or any other thinge, suffered, done, or committed, before the said last daie of Octobze, ageynst the kinges highnes, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, statutes, or dignitie, but onely for suche causes, matters, and offences as be specially & plainlie reherled in the excepcion and forpzeises in this present pardon hereafter mencioned, and for none other. Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or president heretofore hadde made, or vled to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Also the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parliament, granteth, and freely giueth vnto his said subiectes and to euery of them, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and to euery of them all such goodes, catels, fines, issues, profits, amercementes, forfaitures, and sommes of money, by any of them forfeited, which to his highnes do or shulde belong or appertene by reason of any offence, contempt, misdemeanour, trespass, matter, cause, or quarrell, suffered, done or committed by them or anie of the, before the said last day of Octobze, which be not hereafter specially and plainly forpzeised and excepted in this present pardon. And that al and euery the kinges said subiectes, and al and euery bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, may by him selfe, or his or their attourneye or attourneis, plede and minister this present acte and free pardon for his or their discharge, of and for euery thing that is therby pardoned without ani fee or other thing therfore in any wise paynge to any persone or persones for pleading, writinge, or entre of the iudgement, or for any other cause concerning the same but only .xii. d. to the clerke that shall entre the plee, matter, or iugement, for his or their discharge in that behalfe. Any estatute or vse to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that his saide free pardon in al maner courtes

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courtes of his lawes, and elles where, shal be reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed, and taken as well in the wordes and clauses, of the exceptions & forpyles specified in this present pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other clauses, words and sentences, mencioned and reherced in the said free pardon, moſte beneficially and available to all and singuler his laide ſub- iectes of this his realme, and to every of the ſaid bodies corporated, cities, boroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hundzedes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, tow- nes, villages, & tithinges, and every of them, and moſt ſtrongly in barre, and diſcharg againſt his highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executors, in every thing without obſtacle challenge or other delay what ſo ever it be, to be made, pleded, objected, or alleged by the king our ſouveraine lord, his heires, ſucceſſours, or executors, or by his or any of their general attour- ney or attournes, or by any other perſon or perſons for his highnes, or any of his heires, ſucceſſours, or executors.

¶ And furthermoze it is enacted by the king our ſouveraigne lord, and by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of his high courtes commonly called the kinges bench, chancery, and common place, or of his elchequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feaſt of the Nativitie of our lord god next com- ming, make out, or write out any maner of writtes, or other proceſſe, or a ny extractes, or other preceptes, whereby any perſon or perſons of his ſaid ſubiectes, or any of the ſaide bodies corporated, cities, boroughes, ſhires, riddinges, hundzedes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, or any of them ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtrained ſummoned, or otherwiſe vexed, troubled, or greued in their bodies, landes ſenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, ſo or because of any maner of thing, acquitted, pardoned, releaſed, or diſcharged, by this preſent acte of free pardon: he ſo offendinge, and therof lawfully condemned, ſhal yelde and paie for recompence therof to the partie ſo greued or offended, treble damages, accounted as parcell of thoſe damages, all coſtes of the ſute. And never the leſſe al and ſinguler ſuche writtes, proceſſe, extractes, and preceptes, made or to be made, ſo or upon any maner thinge acquitted pardoned, releaſed, or diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, ſhall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Excepte alwaies & forpiled out of this pardon al maner of high treason all prepenſed & voluntarie murders, al robberies of churches, & robberies done upon or to mens perſons, all other felonies & robberies by the comon lawe, of felonous taking of any money, goodes, or catels above the value of xx. s. all felonous burning of houſes, all carnall raviſhmentes of women, al raviſhinges of recordes, al outlaries of highe treasons, & of all maner of fe- lonies, other then felonies to the ſaid value of. xx. s. or under that ſumme.

¶ And that al other outlaries had or promulged upon or againſt any per- ſone or perſones for any cauſe not beinge treason, murder, or felonie above the ſaid ſumme of. xx. s. to be pardoned by the general wordes of this par-

done aforesaide, so alway that the same persones and eury of them stande to right to answere or satisfie the parr, at whose sute he is outlawed, accor- dyng to the lawes of this realme. ¶ Also excepted and forpyled out of this pardon of offences, and contemptes comitted and done against the statute or statutes of prouision and Preamunire, or any of them, and of forfeitures and tytles that make growe to the kinges highnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, and al tytles and actions of Quare Impedit, and al traushem- mentes of the kinges wardes, all wastes of the kinges woodes in his for- restes, parkes, or chales: all concelementes of customes and subydies: all riottes, robotes, and vnlaful assemblies comitted and done aboue the num- brye of. xx. persons. ¶ And also except and forpyled out of this pardone all issues and profites, fines, and other penalties for inclosures of landes, and issues, profites, fines, & other penalties, for decays of houses & husbandry if that the same inclosures be not refourmed, and the landes put in tillage, or the said houses not reedified befoze the last daie of September next comynge. ¶ And also excepte all maner of alienacions and gites into mort- mayne or to thuse of any maner of mortmaine, & all intrusions, had, made, or done in any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, sithen the feast of saint Mychell the archangel, which was in the. xx. yere of the reygne of our saide soueraigne lord. ¶ And also all offences committed by byggynge doone or castinge doone of any crosse or crosses, which stode, or were sette in any common or highe way or wates: And all and singuler dettes, other then dettes growinge vpon recognisances beinge al redy for- fayed, for suretie of the peace, or for apparaunce at any daie or place. ¶ And excepted and forpyled out of this pardon all accomptes, and all actions, suites, and impietitions for the same accomptes & arrerages of ac- comptes, and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted & forpyled, All homages and reliffes, all wilfull escapes, as well of couictes as other dettes, which were due to the moste noble kinge of famous memozie kinge Henry the. vii. or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condemnacion, recognisance, obligacion, or otherwise. All and singuler those forfeitures due to our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dette by iugement or by a- grement of the offendours befoze the firste daie or this present parliament, and all forfeitures & other penalties & profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte comitted or done contrarie to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the comon lawe, wherof any leaseure is made, or any informacio geuen in the kinges eschequer, or any sute there commenced befoze the said firste day of this parliament, or wherof the kinges highnesse by his byll signed or otherwise hertofore hath made any gift or assignement to any of his seruantes: And also excepted all issues forfeited, fines, amercementes, assayed, taxed, set, extorted, or iudged seuerally and particularly, extendyng to the summe of a. C. s. or aboue that summe. And that all and singuler other fines, as well fines (Pro licencia concordandi) as other, and all other issues and

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and amercementes, as well call as other, which severally or particularly extend not to þe said summe of a C. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe, or not take to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be turned into dette or not det, and not being leured nor receiued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully clere and plainly pardoned and discharged against the kinge our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours for ever.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in case it be objected to any sherif or sheriffes or other accomptantes in the kinges court of eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any sherif or sheriffes or other officers accomptaunt, hath receiued or taken any suche fines, issues or amerciamentes before pardoned, released, and acquitted, that then every such sheriffe and sheriffes, and other accomptates shalbe discharged, released pardoned, and acquitted therof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe. ¶ God save the kyng.

¶ An acte that abiured persons shall be marked in the right hand with the signe of an A. Cap. ii.



¶ It enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if any person take saintuarie in any church, churchparde, or other holy place, for felony or murder where he ought by the lawes and customes of this realme to haue his abiuration for the same, that then the same felon, or murderer, shall take his abiuration, and passage out of the same church, churchparde, or other holy place, at such day & time as shall be limited to him by the coroner of the shyre or place, wherein he taketh such saintuarie, and that the coroner immediately after his confession, and before his abiuration, shall cause every such felon or murderer to be marked with an hote yron vpon the brawn of the thombe of the right hand with the signe of an A. to the entent he may be the better knowne amonge the kinges subiectes, that he was abiured, and than to geue him his abiuration, and to be vled in all other thinges as hath ben accustomed. And that al mayres, bailiffes, and constables, shall be attendant at the commaundement of the coroner for the due execution therof, as they wil answer at their perils to the kinges highnes for the same.

And if any felon or murderer that ought to haue any such abiuraciō, refuse to take his passage out of the said saintuary at such time as shall be limited to him by the said coroner: that then the said felon or murderer so refusinge shall lose the benefite of the same saintuary, and be taken out of the same, & committed to prison, and further to be ordered for his offence after his merites, without any restitution to saintuarie for the same.

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**An acte concernyng abrygementes of plaintes
in assise. Cap. iii.**

For as much as assises which haue ben thought the most speedy remedy be now by occasion of pleding of many barres to moities, and partes of the landes put in brieve and plaint, greatly delaied for difficulties and diuision of pleding. And one cause therof is, bicause the plaintifes in the assise in such ples, to moities, and parties, can not by the lawe abrydge their plaintes. For remedy wherof, be it enacted, that the plaintife in euery assise from henceforth may at his pleasure seuer and abrydge his playnte, of any parte or partes, wherunto any barre is pleded, in suche like maner, as he or they might do in case the ples in barre had be made and deuided to any certentie or numbze of acres in the plaint, and that the plaint, for the residue of the parte or partes of the landes not abrydged, shalbe a stand good and effectuell in the lawe.

**An acte concerning the sale of landes by executours
of the testamentes. Cap. iiii.**

Where diuers sundrie persons befoze this time, hauing other persons leased to their vles, of and in landes and other hereditamentes, to and for the declaracion of their willes, haue by their last willes and testamentes willed and declared such their said landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes to be solde by their executours, as well to and for the paymentes of their dettes, perfozrmance of their legacies necessary, and conuenient finding of their wiues, vertuous bringing up, and aduancement of their children to mariage, as also for other charitable dedes to be done and executed by their executours for the helth of their soules. And not withstanding such truste and confidence so by them put in their saide executours, it hath ofte times ben sene, where suche last willes and testamentes of suche landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes hath bene declared, and in the same diuers executours named and made, that after the decease of such testatours, some of the same executours willynge to accomplishe the truste and confidence that they were put in by the sayde testatour, haue accepted and taken vpon them the charge of the sayde testamente, and haue been redy to fulfill and perfozme all thinges contained in the same, and the residue of the same executours, vncharitably contrary to the trust that they were put in, haue refused to entermedle in any wise with the execucion of the sayde will and testament, or with the sale of suche landes so willed to be solde by the testatour. And for as muche as a bargaine and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so willed by any persone to be solde by his executours after his decease, after the opinion of diuers persones, can in no wise be good or effectuell in the lawe, vnlesse the same bargaine and sale be made by the hole noubmer of the executours, named to

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to and for the same: by reason wherof as well the dettes of such testatours hath rested vnpaied and vn satisfied, to the great daunger and perill of the soules of such testatours, and to the greate hinderance, and many times to the bitter vndoyng of their creditours. Als also the legacies and bequestes made by the testatour to his wife, children, and for other charitable dedes to be done for the welth of the soule of the same testatour, that made the same testament, hath ben also vnperfourmed, as well to the extreme miserie of the wife and children of the said testatour, as also to the let of perfourmance of other charitable dedes for the welth of the soule of the said testatour, to the displeasure of almightie god. For the remedy wherof, Be it enacted ordeined and established by the auctorite of this present parliament that where parte of the executors named in any such testament of any such person so making or declarng any such will of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, to be solde by his executors, after the death of any such testatour, do refuse to take vpon him or them the administracion and charge of the same testament and last will, wherein they be so named to be executors, and the residue of the same executors do accepte and take vpon them the cure and charge of the same testament and last will: that than all bargaines and sales of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so willed to be solde by the executors of any suche testatour, as well heretofore made, as hereafter to be made by him or them, onely of the saide executors that so dothe accepte, or that heretofore hath accepted and taken vpon him or them any suche cure or charge of administracion of any such will or testament, shall be as good and as effectuell in the law, as if all the residue of the same executors, named in the saide testament, so refusynge the administracion of the same testament, had ioyned with him or them in the making of the bargaine, and sale of suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes so willed to be solde by the executors of any such testatour, whiche heretofore hath made or declared, or that hereafter shall make or declare any such will of any such landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes after his decease to be solde by his executors.

Could alway, that this acte shal not extende to giue power or auctoritie to any executor or executors at any time hereafter to bargaine or put to sale any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, by vertue and auctoritie of any will or testament heretofore made, otherwise than they might do by the course of the common law afoze the making of this acte.

An acte concernng probate of testaments. Cap. v.



Here in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxxi. yers of the reigne of the noble kinge of famous memoie, Edward the thirde, vpon the complaint of his people for the outrageous and greuous fines and summes of money taken by the ministers

sters of bishoppes, and of other ordinaries of holy churche for the probate of testaments, and for the acquitaunces by the laide ordinaries to be made concerning the same, the laide noble kinge in the same parliament openly charged and commaunded the archebishoppe of Canturbery, and the other bishoppes for that time beyng, that amendement therof should be had And if none amendement were therof had it was by the auctorite of the same parliament accorded, that the king should therof make inquirie by his iustices of such oppression and exorcions. And that the same iustices should here and determine them as well at the sute of the kinge as of the partie, as of olde time hath bene used, as by the same statute plainly appereth. And where at the parliament holden at Westminster in the.iii.yere of the reigne of king Henry the.v. it was recited, that the commons of the realme had oftentimes complained them in diuers parliaments of that that diuers ordinaries take for the probacion of testaments and other thinges therunto belonging, sometime.xl.s. sometime.lx.s. and sometime more against right and Justice, where in the time of kinge Edward the.iii. men were wonte to pay for such causes but.ii.s.vi.d. or.v.s. at the most by which unlawfull exactions the testaments of the testatours might not be executed according to their last willes. It was then enacted for the auoiding of such oppressions, that no ordinary from thensforth should take for the probacion of any testament and inuentorie, or for any other thinges to the same belonging, any more than was accustomed and used in the time of the laide noble king Edward the third, upon paine to yelde to the partie so grieved thre times as much as the laide ordinaries did so receiue, whiche acte did endure but to the next parliament folowing, by reason that the ordinaries did than promise to reforme and amende the laide oppressions and exactions. And for that that the laide unlawfull exactions of the laide ordinaries and their ministers be nothing reformed nor amended, but greatly augmented and encreased, against right and Justice, and to the great impoverishing of the kinges subiectes.

¶ The king our soueraigne lord by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctorite of the same, hath ordeined, established, & enacted, that from the first day of Aprill, in the yere of our lord. M.D.XXX. that nothing shall be demanded, receiued, nor taken by any bishoppe, ordinary, archdeaken, chauncellour, commissarie, officiall, nor any other maner of person or persones, what so euer they be, which now haue, or whiche at any time hereafter shall haue auctoritie or power to take or receiue probacion insinuacion or approbacion of testament or testaments by him self or them self, nor by his or their regesters, scribes, praylers, sommoners, apparatours, or by any other of their ministers, for the probacion, insinuacion, and approbacion of any testament or testaments, or for writinge, sealyng, praisynge, registering, fines, making of inuentories, and giuing of acquitaunces, or for any other maner of cause concerning the same, where the goodes of the testatour

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four of the said testament or person so dyng, do not amount clerely ouer and aboue the value of C.s. sterlyng, excepte onely to the scribe to haue for writting of the probate of the testament of him deceased, whose goodes shall not be aboue the same clere value of C.s. vi. d. and for the commission of ministracion of the goodes of any man dissealyng intestate, not beyng aboue like value of $\text{C.s. clere. vi. d.}$ and that neuer the lesse the bisskop, or dinarie, or other person or persons, hauing power or auctoritie to take or receiue the probacion or approbacion of testaments, refuse not to approue any suche testament, beyng lawfully tended or offred to them to be proued or approued, wherof the goodes of the testatour or person so dyng amount not aboue the value of C.s. sterlyng, so that the saide testament bee exhibited to him or them in writyng with waite therevnto affixed redie to be sealed, and that the same testamente be lawfully proued befoze the same or dinarie (befoze the sealyng) to be trewe, holle, and last testament of the same testatour, in suche fourme as hath bene commonly accustomed in that behalfe.

C And whan the goods of the testatour do amounte ouer and aboue the clere value of C.s. and do not excede the summe of xli. pounde sterling: that than no bisskop, or dinarie, nor other maner of person or personnes what so euer he or they be, now hauinge, or whiche hereafter shall haue auctoritie to take probacion or approbacion of any testament or testaments, as is aforesaide, by them selfe nor any of their said registers, scribes, prailers, summoners, apparatours, nor any other their ministers for the probacion insinuacion, and approbacion of any testament or testaments, or for the registering, sealing, writting, prailing, making of inuentories, geuinge of acquitaunces, fines, or any other thinge concerning the same, shall take or cause to be taken of any person or persons, but onely iii. s. vi. d. and not aboue, wherof to be to the saide bisskoppe or or dinarie, or to other person or persons, hauing power and auctoritie to take the probacion or approbacion of any testament or testaments, for him and his ministers. ii. s. vi. d. and not aboue, and xii. d. residue of the said iii. s. vi. d. to be to the scribe for the registering of the same. And where the goods of the testatour or person or persons so dieng, do amounte ouer and aboue the cleare value of xli. pounde sterlyng, that than the bisskoppe nor or dinarie, nor other person or personnes, now hauinge or whiche hereafter shall haue auctoritie or power to take probate of testaments, as is aforesaide, by him or them selfe, nor any of his or their saide registers, scribes, prailers, summoners, apparatours, or any other their ministres, for the probacion, insinuacion, and approbacion of any testamente or testaments, or for the registering, sealyng, writtinge, prailynge, makinge of inuentories, fines, geuinge of acquitaunces, or any thing concernynge the same probate of testamente, shall from the saide first day of Aprill, take or cause to be taken of any person or persons, but onely v. s. and not aboue, wherof to be to the saide bisskoppe, or dinarie, or other person hauinge power to take the probacion of
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such testament or testaments for him and his ministers. ii. s. vi. d. and not above, and. ii. s. vi. d. residue of the said. v. s. to be to the scribe for registering of the same, or els the same scribe to be at his libertie to refuse those. ii. s. vi. d. and to demaunde and haue for writing of euery tenne lines of the same testament, wherof euery line to containe in length. x. inches. i. d. And that euerye suche bishop or ordinarie, and other person or persons, so hauynge or which hereafter shall haue auctoritie or power to take or receiue the probacion or approbacion of any testament or testaments, as is abovesaid, their registers, scribes, & ministers, shall approue, insinuate, seale, and register, from time to time the said testaments, and deliuer the same seale with the seale of their office to the executour or executours named in any such testaments, for the said summe or summes abovesaide, & in maner and forme, as is aboue reherled, to deliuer it with conuenient speed, without any frustratorie delay. And in case any person die intestate, or that the executours named in any suche testaments, refuse to proue the said testamēt: than the said ordinarie or other person or persons, hauing auctoritie to take probate of testaments, as is abovesaide, shall graunte the administracion of the goodes of the testatour or person deceased to the widow of the same person deceased, or to the next of his kinne, or to bothe, as by the discrecion of the same ordinarie shall be thought good, takinge suretie of him or them, to whom shalbe made suche commission for true administraciō of the goods, cattels, and dettes, which he or they shall be so auctozised to minister. And in case where diuers persons claime the administracion as nexte of kinne, which be egall in degree of kintred to the testatour or person deceased, and where any person onely desireth the administracion as nexte of kin, where in dede diuers persons be in equalitie of kintred, as is aforesaide: Than in euery such case the ordinarie to be at his election and libertie to accept any one or mo making request, where diuers do require the administracion. Or where but one or moze of them, and not all being in equalitie of degree do make request, than the ordinarie to admitte the widow and him or them onely makynge request, or any one of them at his pleasure, takinge nothing for the same, onelesse the goodes of the person so deceased, amount aboute the value or summe of. C. s. And in case the goods of the person so deceased amounte aboute the value of C. s. and not aboute the value or summe of. xl. li. than the saide bishoppe, ordinarie, or other person or persons, so hauinge auctoritie to take probate of testaments, as is aforesaide their ministers and officers, shall take onely twoo shillings six pence sterling and not above, and that the executour and executours named by the testatour or person so deceased, or suche other person or personnes, to whome suche administracion shall be committed, where any person dieth intestate or by way of intestate, calling or taking to him or them suche person or persons, twoo at the leaste, to whome the saide person so dyynge was indetted, or made any legacie, and vppon their refusell or absence, two other honest persons beyng nexte of kinne to the person so dyynge, and

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in their defaute or absence. ii. other honest persones, and in their presence, and by their discrecions shall make or cause to be made a trewe and perfite inuentorie of all the goodes, cattels, wares, marchandises, as wel mouable as not mouable, what so euer that were of the saide personne so deceased, and the same shall cause to be indented, wherof the one parte shall be by the sayde executour or executours, administratour or administratours, vppon his or their othe or othes to be taken before the saide byshoppes, ordinaries, their officials, or commissaries, or other persones hauinge power to take probate of testaments, vpon the holy Euangelist, to be good and true, and the same one parte indented shall present and deliuer into the keepinge of the saide byshoppe, ordinarie or ordinaries, or other personne hauinge power to take probate of testaments, and the other parte therof to remain with the said executour or executours, administratour or administratours, and that no byshoppe, ordinarie, or other, what so euer personne, hauing auctoritie to take probate of testaments, as is aboue saide, vppon the payne in this estatute hereafter contained, refuse to take any suche inuentorie or inuentories to him or them presented, or tended to be deliuered as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwaies that if the person so deceased, will by his testament or last will, any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to be solde, that the money therof comming, nor the profites of the said landes, for any tyme to be taken, shall not be accompted as any of the goodes or cattels of the saide person so deceased, and that the same byshoppe, ordinarie, or other person or persons, hauinge auctoritie to take probate of testament or testaments, as is aforesaid, vpo the deliuerie of the seale and signe of the testatour, do cause the same seale to bee defaced, and ther vpon incontinente deliuer the same seale vnto the said executour or executours, without claime or chalenge there vnto to be made. And in case any person or persons at any tyme hereafter requyre a copy or copies of the saide testaments so proued, or of the saide inuentory so made, that than the saide ordinarie or ordinaries, and the other persons hauing auctoritie to take probate of testaments, or their ministers, shall from tyme to tyme with conuenient speede, without any frustratory delaye, deliuer or cause to be deliuered a trewe copie or copies of the same, to the saide person or persons so demaunding them or any of them, takinge for the serche and for the makinge of the copie of eyther of the saide testaments or inuentorie, but onely suche fee as is before reherled for the regestring of the saide testament, or elles the scribe or regester to be at his election and libertie to demaunde haue and take for euery ten lynes therof, beinge of the propozcion before reherled. i. d.

Prouided alwaie that where any person, or personnes hauinge power or auctoritie to take probate of testaments, haue bled to take lesse summes of money than is aboue said for the probate of testaments, or commissions of administratours, or other cause concetninge the same, shall take and receiue suche summe or summes of money for the probate of testaments and com-

missions of the administratours, and other causes concerning the same, as they befoze the makinge of this acte haue vled to take, and not aboue.

¶ And it is enacted, that euery byshoppe, ordinarie, archdeaken, chauncellour, commissary, officiall, and other person and persons, hauing, or the whiche hereafter shall haue auctoritie to take probate of testaments, their registers, scribes, praisers, summoners, apparatours, and al other their ministers, what so euer they be, that shall dooe or attempte, or cause to bee done and attempted against this acte or ordinaunce in any thing, shall forsaite and lose for euery time so offendinge to the partie greued in that behalfe so muche money as any such person abouesaide shall take contrarye to this present acte. And ouer that shall lose and forsaite. x. pounde sterling, wherof the one moitie shall bee to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie to the partie greued in that behalfe, that will sue by action of Dette, byl, information, or other wyse, in any of the kinges courtes for the recouerie of the same, in which action no essoin, protection, nor wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed. And that euery of the same byshoppes, and other persons, whiche shall here after incurre or fall into the daunger of such penaltie or forsaiture, shall be charged onely for him selfe. And none of them to be chargeable to that penaltie for others offence.

¶ Prouided alwaie that this present acte be not preiudiciall to any ordinarie or other personne, whiche now haue or hereafter shall haue auctoritie for probate of testaments, but that euery of them shall and may conuent befoze them al and euerie person or persons made and named executour or executours of any testament, to the intent to proue or refuse the testament or testaments of their testatour or testatours, and to bring in inuentories, & to do euery other thinge concerning the same, as they might do befoze the makinge of this acte, so that alwaies any suche ordinarie, or other person or persons hauing such auctoritie by them selfe, their commissaries, scribes, registers, or other ministers afoze saide, shall not in any wise take for the same aboue the fees lymitted by this act, ne in any wise attempt any thyng contrary to any parte of the same acte.

¶ An acte concerning taking of mortuaries. cap. vi.



Has as muche as question, ambyguite, and doubte is chaunced and rylen vpon the order, maner, and fourme of demanding, receiuinge, and claiminge of Mortuaries, other wise called Corle presentes, as wel for the greatnes and value of the same, whiche as hath lately bene taken, is thought ouer excessive to the poore people and other personnes of this realme, as also for that suche mortuaries or corle presentes haue bene demaunded and leuied for suche as at the time of their death haue had no propertie in any goodes or cattels, And many tymes for traauyng and wayfaring men, in the places wher they

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they have fortuned to dye, to the intent that all doubt, contention, and incertainty, herein may be removed, and as well the generalltie of the kinges people therin remedied, as also the persons, vicars, parische prestes, curates, and other having interest in suche mortuaries and coze presentes indifferently provided for.

¶ Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kinge our soveraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the first date of Aprill, in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXI. no person, vicar, curate, nor parische preste, ne any other spirituall personne, nor their sermons, bailiffes, nor lesles, shall take, receive, or demaund of anye person or persons within this realme for any person or persones dyeng within the same, any thair mortuarie or coze present, ne anie summe or summes of money, ne anie other thing for the same, more then is hereafter mencioned.

¶ He also shall consent or call anie person or persons before any iudge spirituall for the recouere of any suche mortuaries or coze presentes, or anie other thing for the same, more than is hereafter mencioned, upon peins to forfait for every time so demaunding, receyving, takinge, or consenting, or callinge any suche person or persons, before any spirituall iudge, so muche in value as they shall take about the summe limited by this acte. And over that. xl. s. to the partie greued contrary to this act, for the which forfeiture the partie so greued contrary to this acte, shall have an action of dette, by writte, bylle, plaint, or informacion, in any of the kinges courtes, wherein no wager of lawe, essoin, nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ First it is ordeined, established and enacted, that no maner mortuarie shall be taken or demaunded of any person, what so ever he be, which at the tyme of his death hath in movable goodes vnder the value of. x. marke. Also that no mortuarie shall be geven or demaunded from henceforth of any maner person, but onely in suche place where heretofore mortuaries have ben used to be payde and geven, and in those places none other wise but after the rate and fourme hereafter mencioned. He that any person paie mortuaries in more places then one, that is to saie, in the place of their moste dwellynge and habitation, and there but one mortuarie. Nor no person, vicar, curate, parische preste, or other, shal for any personne dyenge or dead, and being at the tyme of his death, of the value in movable goodes of. x. markes, or more clerely, above his dettes paid, and vnder the summe of. xxx. pound, take for a mortuarie. iii. s. iiii. d. in the holle. And for a personne dyenge or dead, beinge at the time of his death of the value of. xxx. pound or above clerely, above his dettes payde in movable goodes, and vnder the value of xl. ponde, there shall no more be taken or demaunded for a mortuarie, than vi. s. viii. d. in the holle: and for any personne dyenge or dead, having at the time of his death: of the value in movable goodes of. xl. pound or above, to any summe, what so ever it be, clerely above his dettes payde, there shall be no more taken, paid, or demaunded for a mortuarie then. x. s. in the holle.

Provided alway that for no woman bringe covert baron, nor childe, ne for any personne not keepinge house, any maner mortuary be payde, ne that any person, bycat, curate, parische prestre, or other, aske, demaunde, or take for any suche woman, childe, or for any personne not keepinge house, livinge or dead, any maner thinge or money by waie of mortuarie, ne also for any wayfaring man, or other that dwelleth not ne maketh residence in the place wher they shall happen to dye, but that the mortuarie of suche wayfaringe personnes, be answerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payde, and in maner and forme and after the rate before mencioned, and none other wise, in the place or places where suche wayfaring personnes, at the tyme of their deathe had their most habitation, house, and dwellinge places, and no where els.

Provided alway that it shall be lefull to all maner personnes, vicars, curates, parische prestres, and other spirituall personnes, to take and receiue any maner summe of money, or other thinge, whiche by any personne dyinge shall fortune to be disposed, geuen, or bequethed vnto them, or any of them, or to the highe altar of the churche. This acte or any thyng therein mencioned not withstandinge.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no mortuaries, nor corse presentes, ne any summe or summes of money, or other thinge, for any mortuarie or corse present shall be demaunded, taken, receiued or hadde, in the parties of wales, nor in the marches of the same, nor in the townes of Caleis or Berwik, nor the marches of the same, but only in such parties & places of wales, marches and townes aforesaide, where mortuaries hath ben accustomed to be taken and payde. And in those parties and places no mortuaries nor corse presentes, ne any other thinge for mortuarie or corse present from henceforth shall be demaunded, taken, receiued, or had, but onely after the forme, order, and maner aboue specified in this present act, and none other wise, ne of any other persone or persones, than is limited by this present acte, vpon the peine aboueronteyned in this present act.

Provided also that it shall be lefull to the bisschoppes of Bangour, Landaffe, saint Dauids, and sainte Asse, and likewise to the archedeacon of Chester, to take suche mortuaries of the prestres within their dioces and iurisdiccions, as heretofore haue ben accustomed.

Provided also that in suche places where mortuaries haue ben accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is aforesaide, that no personne shall be compelled to paie in anye suche place any other mortuarie, or more for any mortuarie than hath bene accustomed, ne that any mortuarie in suche place shall be demaunded, taken, receiued, or had, of any person or persons exempte by this acte, nor in any wise contrary to this acte, vpon the peyne afoze limited.

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An act against seruauntes imbesiling their maisters goodes. Cap. vii.

Vhere before this time dyuers, as well noble men as other the kinges subiectes haue vpon confidence & trust deliuered vnto their seruantes their caskettes and other iewels, money, goodes, and cattels, safely to kepe to the vse of their said maisters or maistresses, and after suche deliuey the said seruantes haue withdrawen them selfe and gone awaye from their said maisters or maistresses with the said caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, and cattels, or part therof, to the intent to steale the same and defraude their said maisters or maistresses therof, & sometime being with their saide maisters and maistresses, haue converted the said iewels, money, and other cattels or part therof to their owne vse, which misbehaviour so done, was dout full in the comon lawe, whether it were felony or not. And by reason therof the foresaid seruantes haue ben in great boldnes to commit such or like offences. Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established by the kinge our soveraine lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler such seruantes, to whom anie suche caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels, by his or their said maisters or maistresses shall from henceforth so be deliuered to kepe, & if any suche servant or seruauntes withdraw him or them from their said maisters or maistresses, & goe away with the said caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels, or any parte thereof to the intent to steale the same, and defraude his or their saide maisters or maistresses therof contrary to the trust & confidence to him or them put by his or their saide maisters and maistresses, or els being in the service of his saide master or maistres, without assent or commaundment of his master or maistres, he imbesell the same caskettes, iewelles, money, goodes, or cattels, or any parte thereof, or otherwise convert the same to his owne vse, with like purpose to steale it, that if the said caskettes, iewels, money, goodes, or cattels that any suche seruaunt shall so go away with, or which bee shall imbesell with purpose to steale it, as is afoze saide, be of the value of xl. s. or above. That then the same false feadulent and untrue acte and demeanour from henceforth shall be demed and adiudged felony. And he, or they so offendinge to be punished as other felons be punished for felonies committed by the course of the common lawe.

Provided alway that this act or any thing therein contained shall not in any wise extende or be prejudiciall to any appretice or appzenticies, nor anie person within the age of .xviii. yeres, going away with his or their maisters goodes, or iewels, or otherwise converting the same to his or their owne vles, during the time of their appzenticeship, or being within the same age of .xviii. yeres, but that every appretice or appzenticies, such person or persons, being within the said age, doing or offending contrary to this present act, shall be and stand in like case as they and every of them were before the making of this act. The same act to continue and endure vnto the next parliament.

An acte againſt killynge of Calues. Cap. viii.



For as muche as of olde tyme great multitude of cattell was yerely increased by weyning, bzinginge vp, and rearinge of calues thzough out this realme, wherby the numbze of oxen, kpen, and steres, were in such abundance & plentie, that befe and all other vitell was then good cheape, and solde to the kinges subiectes at reasonable peny worthes and prices, buttill now of late yeres passed that the breders of such calues of their couetous mindes, haue vsed to sel their calues yonge sucking to bouchers, weyning, rearing, and bzinging vp fewe or none, wherby the encrease of old cattell, & also the encrease that shuld or might haue comen or growen of the same, is meruailously minished & decreased, in such wise that great derth of cattell and other bitaile hath and doth daily sprynge, growe, continue, and arise, thzough out this realme, not onely to the great enhaunsynge of the pryces of beffes and all maner vittaile, but also to the great minishinge and enpairynge of good hospitalitee, and extreme vndoynge of the kinges pooze and neddy subiectes within the same, whiche inconuenience and great scarcitie is lyke to ensue and encrease moze and moze, if spedie remedie bee not prouided in that behalfe.

Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner person or persons beyng bouchers or other, inhabiting within this realme, wailes, or the marches of the same, shall from the first daie of Januarie next comynge, durynge thze whole yeres than next folowynge, kyll or cause to bee killed any maner yonge suckinge calfe or calues to be solde or put to sale to anye personne or personnes, holle or by retayle, whiche calfe or calues so hereafter to be killed, shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the saide fyrst daie of Januarie, and the first daie of Maie, in any of the saide.iii. hole yeres, vpon payne of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the saide daies, and killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, to be payde and forsaite by euery such boucher or bouchers, whiche shall kill or cause to bee killed or put to sale anye suche calfe or calues, so fallynge and to bee calued betwene the saide firste daie of Januarie, and the saide first daie of Maie during the saide thze yeres. The one halfe of euerye such forsaiture to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to the partie that will sue for the same by bill, action of det, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe, essoin, nor protection shall be allowed.

Prouided alwaies that euerye lord marcher haue the forsaites, profits, and aduantages onely of euerye suche offender & offenders against the purueynge of this acte within their seignories, liberties, and franchises royal

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**An acte limitting the price of hattes and cappes,
brought from beyonde the sea. Cap. ix.**

The king our soueraigne lord, by the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, hath ordeined, established, and enacted, for the common welthe of the subiectes of this his realme, that no maner person nor persons, what so ever he or they be, from the feast of the Purification of our lady next coming do sell or cause to be solde within this realme to any person or persons, any wollen hattes or bonettes, or wollen hatte or cappe, made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of Englande, in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, over or above the prices under written, that is to say, no such cappe or bonet to be solde above the summe of .ii. s. sterlinge, and no suche hatte to be solde above the summe of .x. d. and no such single crowned cappe, nor sengle night cappe to be solde above the summe of .vi. d. vppon paine to forfait for every suche bonette, cappe, or hatte, at any time after the saide feast, to be solde over the price abovesaide, contrarie to the tenour of this acte. xl. s. sterlyng: al whiche forfeiture shal extend only to the losse of the seller or sellers thereof, and to none other, the one half thereof to be levied and recovered to the vse of our said soueraigne lord, and the other half to the partie that wil sue for the same in any of our soueraigne lord the kinges courtes by action of dette, bill, informacion, or other wise, in whiche action or sute no protection, wager of law, nor essoin, shal be allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that every person or persons, bieng or wearyng any such bonette, cappe, or hatte, made out of this realme, may lawfully, at all times hereafter, vse, weare, and deteine any suche bonette, cappe, or hatte, cappes or hattes, without leasure of the same or any daunger, losse, or other forfeiture, or penaltie, to bee hadde or suffered for the same. Any matter, clause, or other thing contained or expressed in this present acte or actes heretofore made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

**An acte against carieng out of brasse laten,
and copper. Cap. x.**

As muche as there is no mine of mettall of copper within this realme of Englande founde nor hadde, where sufficient copper may be gathered for the vse of the king our soueraigne lord, and for the people of this realme, and also for as muche as diuers mines of copper in the parties of beyonde the sea, be now lately minished and decaied, by reason wherof the price of copper is greatly risen, as well in the parties beyod the sea, as in this realme, of the whiche copper diuers mettals mixed be made, as well laten, of the whiche
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the founders make diuers vesselles, instrumentes, and other necessary thinges, as also panne mettall, brasse metal, gonne mettall, and bell metal, made and wrought by diuers artificers within this realme, which be now also at a great price, and also where diuers within this realme of late haue caried and conueied, and dayly vse to carie and conuey into the parties of beyonde the sea, muche laton, brasse, and such mettall mixed, as well in olde panne mettall, and broken vesselles and instrumentes, as in mettall shroffe, and other thinges, not onely to the great hurte of our soueraigne lord the kinge, in lacking mettall to make and furnishe his ordinaunce, but also to the great hurte and decaie of all suche artificers, whiche vse to worke any such metal, and to the hurte of all the kinges liege people, not withstanding that a redresse was comuned of by the kinge our soueraigne lord and the lordes of his honourable counsaile in Easter terme last paste, lichen which time much of the said mettall hath ben conueied.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that no person or persons, from henceforth do conuey or carie any suche mettall whether it be clene or mixed to any porte, haven, place, or creke, of this his realme, in any shippe, vessel, or bote, to be caried or conueied into any parts beyonde the sea, vpon paine of forfeiture of all the saide mettall, in whose handes so euer they be found or the value of the same, the one moytie of the said forfeiture to be to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other moytie to the vse of him that shall take or finde the same forfeiture. This acte to continue vnto the next parliament.

**¶ An acte for restitution of goods feloniously
Taken. Cap. xi.**



B it enacted by this present parliament, that if any felon or felons hereafter do robbe or take away any money goodes, or cattels, from any of the kinges subiectes from their person or other wise within this realme: and therof the said felon or felons be indited, and after arraigned of the same felonie, and founde guiltie therof, or other wise attainted by reason of euidence geuen by the partie so robbed, or owner of the saide money, goodes, or cattels, or by any other by their procurement, that than the partie so robbed or owner shall be restozed to his said money, goods and cattels and that as well the iustices of gaole deliuerer as other iustices, alsoe to home any such felon or felons shall be founde guiltie, or other wise attainted by reason of euidence giuen by the partie so robbed, or owner, or by any other by their procurement, haue power by this present acte to awarde from time to time writtes of restitution for the saide money, goodes, and cattels, in like maner as though any suche fellow or fellows were attainted at the suite of the partie in appele.

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An acte for true making of cables, hallers, and ropes: Ca. xii.



Moste humbly beseechen your highnes, the badiſhes, burgeſes, and other the inhabitants of your towne and borough of Burpoſte within your countie of Dorſet, that where they out of time that no mans munde is to the contrary, have beſed, and exerciſed to make within the ſame, the moſte parte of all the greate cables, hallers, ropes, and all other takelings, as well for your royall ſhippes and nauey, as for the moſt parte of all other ſhippes within this realme, by reaſon wherof your ſaide towne was right well maintained and inhabited, your highnes and your ſubiectes right well ſerued, untill now of late many diuers and euill diſpoſed perſons, intendinge the diſtruction of your ſaide towne for their priuate lucre, and aduantage, haue withdrawen them ſelfe into the countie in diuers places, there taking termes, and bſing husbandrie out of the ſaide towne, and alſo daillie reſorte to your ſaide towne to bie and prouide hempe, and therof make cables, ropes, hallers, traces, halters, and other tacle, whiche cables, ropes, hallers, traces, halters and other tacle, bene by the ſaide perſon ſleightly and deceiuably made, by reaſon wherof not onely the biers of the ſame ben continually therby deceiued, but alſo the prices of the ſaid cables, hallers, traces, halters, and other tacle therby greatly inhaunſed, and your ſaide towne or borough by meane therof is like bitterly to be decayed, ruined, and diſſolated, if ſpedie remedie be not by your highnes in that caſe prouided.

Be it therfore enacted by your highneſſe, by the lordes ſpiritual and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that no maner perſon or perſons dwellinge or inhabiting within the diſtaunce of fiue miles from the ſaide towne or borough of Burpoſte, ſhall from henceforth ſell or cauſe to be ſolde out of the market, holden and to be holden, within the ſame towne or borough of Burpoſte, to any perſonne or perſonnes, any hempe, whiche ſhal happen to growe within the ſaide fiue miles in diſtaunce from the ſaide towne or borough, vpon paine of forfeiture of the ſaide hempe ſo ſolde, or to be ſold in any place or places within the diſtaunce of the ſaide fiue miles out of the ſaide towne, borough, or market, contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this eſtatute.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie abouelſaide, that no perſonne nor perſones, other than ſuche as ſhall dwell and be inhabitants within the ſaide towne, ſhall make after the feaſt of Eaſter nexte comming, out of the ſaide towne any cables, hallers, ropes, traces, halters, or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within the ſaide diſtaunce of fiue miles from the ſaide towne, vpon paine of forfeiture of the ſaide cables, hallers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle, made and to be made contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this eſtatute, the one halfe of euery ſuche

such forfaitures, as well of the hempe so solde or to be solde out of the saide towne, borough, & market, contrary to the forme aforesaid, as also the saide cables, hallers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle, made out of the saide towne contrary to this estatute, to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same, by action of det, bill, or information, wherein neither waiger of law, essoine, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Provided also that twentie poundes weight shall be accompted to the stone.

Provided also that euery person dwelling within the saide distaunce, may make cables, hallers, ropes, traces, halters, and other tacle for their owne vse and occupacions, but in no wise against this acte. This acte to endure vnto the next parliament.

An acte against pluralities of benefices, for taking of fermes by spirituall men, and for residence. Cap. xiii.



Provided that the more quiete and vertuous increas and maintenance of diuine seruice, the preachinge and teaching the worde of god, with godly & good example geuing, the better discharge of curates, the maintenance of hospitalitie, the reliefe of poore people, the encrease of deuotion, & good opinion of the laye towarde the spirituall persons: Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritee of the same, that no spirituall person, secular or regulier, of what degree so euer he or they be, shal hereafter take to ferme to him self or to any person or persons to his vse, of the lease or graunte of the king our soueraigne lord, nor of any other person or persons, by letters patentes, indentures, writinges, by worde or otherwise, by any maner of meanes, any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or at will, vpon paine to forsaite tenne pounde for euery moneth that he or any other to his vse shal occupie any such ferme by reason of any such lease or graunte hereafter to be made. The one halfe of whiche forsaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord and the other halfe therof to euery such person as wil sue for the same, by originall writte, bill, or plainte of debte, or by any information in any of the kinges courtes: in whiche action and suite no waiger of lawe shalbe admitted for the defendant, nor any essoine or protection allowed.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery such spirituall person or persones, whiche now haue or occupie in ferme by them selfe or by any other to their vse, any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the lease, or graunte of the king our soueraigne lord, or

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any other person or persons, for terme of life or for yeres, or at will, by any writing or otherwise, or that now have any annual rentes, or other annual aduantage or profite, by occasion or colour of any such lesse or ferme, shall clerelie bargaine, sell, geue, or graunte & waie on this side the feast of saint Michell the archangell next comminge to any such lay person or persons, as thei will at their owne nominacions & apppointment, al such lesse, terme, interest, and profite as any such spiritual person, or anie other to his vse now hath or haue, in, or by reason of any such ferme: so that in no wise any such spirituall person or persons at anie time after the same feast, by them selfe or any other to their vse by any maner of meanes, fraude or male engine, shal haue, vse, or occupie in ferme any manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of the demise, lesse, or graunte of anie person or persons hertofore made, or hereafter to be made, to them selfe or to any other to their vles: nor from the said feast shall take any annuall rente or other annuall aduantage or profite, by occasion or colour of anie such lessee or ferme by anie maner of meanes, vpon peine to forfeite for euerie moneth so occupying any such ferme, at any time after the said feast contrarie to this present acte, tenne pounce, and vpon peine to forfeite tenne times as much as anie such spirituall person or anie to his vse, shall take in any annual rent, aduantage or profite, by occasion or colour of any such lesse at anie time after the saide feast. The one haulte of whiche forfeitures to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to him that will seue for the same by originall writte, bille, or plainte of Dette, or by information in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche action and suite no wager of lawe shall be admitted for the defendaunt, nor any essoine or protection allowed.

¶ And be it also enacted that all such lessees made or hereafter to be made vnto any such spirituall person or persons, or to any other to their vse, for terme of life, terme of yeres, or at will, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof they or any of them shall take any profite, or medling by them selfe or by any to their vse, after the said feast of sainte Michell, by colour of any such lesse or graunt, and not by them bargained, graunted, and solde away befoze the said feast, as is befoze limited, shall from thenseforth be utterly boide and of none effecte, as well against the lessour or lessours, grauntour or grauntours, their heires and assignes, and against euerie of them, as against the lessee or lessees, and their executors and assignes, and euerie of them.

¶ Provided alway that this present acte shall not extend to any spirituall person or persons, in, and for takinge to ferme any temporalties, duringe the time of vacacions, of any archebishoprikes, bishoprikes, abbeyes, priories, or other collegiall, cathedrall, or conuentuall churches, nor to any spirituall person or persons, that shal tende or make any trauers vpon any offices or office, concerning his or their free holde.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no spirituall person,

son or persones, secular or regular, of what estate or degree so euer they be, shall from henceforth by him selfe, nor by any other for him, nor to his vse bargaine and by to sell againe for any lucre, gaine, or profite, in any markettes fautes, or other places, any maner of cattelles, cozne, leade, tinne, hides, lether, tallow, fishe, wolfe, wood, or any maner of vittayle, or marchandise, what kinde so euer they be of, vpon paine to forsaite treble the value of euery thing by them, or by any to their vse bargained and bought to sell againe contrarie to this present acte. And that euery such bargaine & contracte hereafter to be made by them, or by any to their vse contrary to this acte, shall be utterly voyde and of none effect. And the one halfe of euery such forsaiture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by original writte of dette, bill, plaint or informacion, in any of the kinges courttes. In whiche action or sute no wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admitted, nor any essoyne nor protection allowed.

Provided alwaie, that if any suche spirituall person or persons, shall happen hereafter without fraude or couine to bie any horses, mares, or meruels to the onely intente to occupie for him selfe or his seruantes, to ride to and fro, vpon his necessarie busines, or any other cattels or goodes, to the onely intente and purpose at the beinge thereof to be employed & put in, and aboute his necessarie apparel of his owne house or of his person & seruantes, or in for and about the onely occupieng, manuryng, or tillage of his owne glebe or demaune landes annexed to his churche, or for the necessarie expences of his owne household keeping. And after the byrninge of any suche horses, cattels, or goodes or exercise of them or any of them, happeneth to mislike any of them that they should not be good, profitable nor convenient for any of the purposes aboue saide, for the whiche they were bought: that then euery such spirituall person or persons may lawfully bargaine and put away suche thinges so by him bought, without fraude or couin for any of the purposes aboue saide at his pleasure and aduantage this acte or any thing therein contained notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that all abbotes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, priouesses, presidentes, maisters of colleges and hospitalles, and all other spirituall gouernours and gouernesses of any spirituall monasteries or houses of religiō, by what name or names so euer they be called hauing manours landes, and tenementes, hereditamentes, and other yerely profite, in the right of their monasteries or houses, of the yerely value of. viii. l. markes, or vnder, and not aboue, may vse and occupy as much and as many of their demaune landes, fee fermes, and fermes to their moste aduantage, commodities, and profit, to and for the onely maintenaunce of their householdes, and hospitalities, in as ample and as large maner as they or any of them or their predecessours, or the predecessours of any of them, at any time by the space of one. C. yeres last past, befoze the makinge of this acte, haue done, vled, and occupied: Any thinge in this presente acte to the contrary

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trary not withstandynge.

¶ Provided also, that every other spirituall personne and personnes, not hauynge sufficiente glebe or demaine landes in their owne handes, in the ryghte of their churches, monasteries, and howses for pasturage of cattels, or for increase of cornes, to and for the onely expenses of theyr householdes, or for theyr cariages and iourneys, may take in ferme other landes, and by and sell corne and cattell for the onely manurance, tyllage, and pasturage of suche fermes, so that the increase thereof be alwayes employed and putte to, and so the onely expenses in their householdes and hospytalities, and not in anye wyse to bye and selle agayne, for any other commoditye, lucre, or aduantage anye corne or cattelle, renewynge, comynge, or growynge, in and vppon anye suche ferme or otherwyse, but onely the remayne and ouer plus about their expenses of theyr householdes, if anye suche shall happen to the breed and increases thereof, without fraude or couin: Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or persones hauynge one benefyce with cure of soule, beyng of the yere value of .viii. ponde or aboue, accept and take any other with cure of soule, and be instituted and inducted in possession of the same, that then and immediately after suche possession hadde thereof, the fyrste benefyce shall be adiudged in the lawe to be voyde, And that it shall be lawfull to euery patron, hauynge the auouison thereof, to present an other, and the presentee to haue the benefite of the same, in suche like maner and forme as though the incumbent hadde dyed or respyned, any licence, vniou, or other dispensacion to the contrary hereof obteyned not withstanding.

And that everye suche licence, vniou, or dispensacion had, or hereafter to be obtayned contrary to this present acte, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer they be, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And if any person or persons at any tyme after the fyrste daie of Aprill, in the yere of our lord god. M. v. l. and. xxx. contrary to this present acte, procure and obteyne at the courte of Rome, or els where, any licence or licences, vniou, tolleracion, or dispensacion, to receiue, and take, anye mo benefices with cure, than is aboue limited, or els at any tyme after the sayd daie putte in execucion anye such licence, tolleracion, or dispensacion, before that obtained contrary to this acte, that then everye suche person or persones, so after the said day surynge for him selfe, or receiuyng and takynge suche benefyce by force of suche licence or licences, vniou, tolleracion, or dispensacion, that is to say, the same person or persones onely and none other, shall for everye suche defaute incur the daunger, peyne, and penaltie of. xx. li. sterlynge, And also lose the hole profytes of everye suche benefyce or benefices, as he receyueth or taketh by force of anye suche licence or licences, vniou, tolleracion, or dispensacion. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe thereof to hym that wyll sue for the

the same by originall writte, byll, playnt of dette, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in whiche action and sute no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection for the defendant shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte concernynge the not keepinge of mo benefices with cure of soule than one, & tende ne be prejudiciall to any person or persons, whiche at any tyme before the saide firste daie of Apryll, in the yere of our lord god. M.v.L. and.rrr. shall be really intituled or possessed of any suche benefices with cure of soule, as concernynge or touchynge any of the same benefices, wherof they shall than be all ready really intituled or possessed before the said day, to or vnder the numbre of.iiii. and not aboue and if any suche spirituall person or personnes so beinge intituled or possessed of mo benefices with cure of soule than.iiii. do not by the saide fyrst day of Aprill clerely and without verely pension, resigne or otherwyle gyue vp all and euery suche benefices and benefice as he shalbe so entitled and possessed of, aboue the said numbre, that than it shal be lesfull for euery patron, hauing the aduouson of any suche benefice ouer the numbre aforesayde, to present an other, and the presentee to haue the benefyte of the same in lyke maner and forme, as though he it had be vnder by death or resignacion of the incumbent, any lycence, buyon, or other dispensacion to the contrary herof obteyned not withstanding. And this clause of presentacion to be taken and vnderstanden, and of suche benefytes with cure of soule, as were geuen to any suche spirituall person afor the said numbre of.iiii. benefices with cure furnished and fulfilled.

¶ Provided also, that all spirituall men now beinge, or whiche hereafter shall be of the kinges counsaile, may purchase licence or dispensacion, and take, receiue, and kepe thre personages or benefices with cure of soule, and that all other beinge the kynges chapleynes, and not sworn of his counsaile, the chapleynes of the queene, prince or princeesse, or of any the kinges children, bretherne, sisters, vnckles or aunces, maie semblably purchase lycence or dispensacion, and receiue and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule: And in lyke wyle that euery archebyschoppe and duke may haue. vi. chapleyns, wherof euery one shall and may purchase licence, or dispensacion, and take, receiue, and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule, and that euery marques and erle maie haue fiue chapleynes, wherof euery one may purchase licence or dispensacion, and take, receiue, and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euery viscount and other byschoppe, maie haue foure chapleynes, wherof euery one may purchase licence, and receiue, haue and kepe. ii. personages or benefices with cure of soule, as is aforesaide. And that the chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and euery baron and knight of the Barter, maie haue thre chappleins, wherof euery one shal now purchase licence or dispensacion, and receiue, haue, and kepe two personages or benefices with cure of soule. And that euery duchesse, marques, countesse, and baronesse, beinge wydowes, maie haue. ii. chapleynes, wherof euery one of them

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theim maie poutchase licence oꝛ dispensacion to receiue, haue, and kepe two benefices with cure of soule, and that the tresourer and comptroller of the kinges house, the kinges secretarie, and Deane of his chapell, the kinges ammer, and the maister of the rolles, maie haue euery of theim two chapleines, and the chiefe Justice of the kinges benche one chapleine, and the wardeine of the five portes foꝛ the time beinge, one chapleyne, wherof euerie one maie poutchase licence, and receiue, haue and kepe, two personages oꝛ benefices with cure of soule. And that the bzetherne and sonnes of all tempozall lordes, whiche are boꝛne in wedlocke, maie euery of them poutchase licence oꝛ dispensacion, and receiue, haue, and kepe as manie personages oꝛ benefices with cure, as the chaplaines of a Duke oꝛ an archebischoppe. And likewise the bzetherne and sonnes boꝛne in wedlocke of euerie knighte, maie euerie of them poutchase licence oꝛ dispensacion, and receiue take and kepe, two personages oꝛ benefices with cure of soule.

Prouided alwaies, that the saide chaplaines so purchasinge, takynge, receiuinge, and kepinge, benefices with cure of soule as is aforesayde, shall bee bounde to haue and exhibite where neede shall be, letters vnder the signe and seale of the kinge, oꝛ other their lord and maister, testifyinge whole chaplaynes they be, and elles not to enioye anie suche pluralitie of benefices by suche chaplaine: Any thinge in this acte not withstandinge.

Be it also prouided that all doctours and bachelers of diuinitie, doctours of lawe, and bachelers of lawe canon, and euery of them, whiche shall be admitted to anie the saide degrees, by any of the vniuersities of this realme, and not by grace onely, may purchase licence, and take, haue, and kepe. ii. personages oꝛ benefices with cure of soule, so that alwaies the saide libertie by any of the prouisions befoze saide geuen to anie of the saide counsaillours, chapleines, and other personnes befoze specified, to purchase licence oꝛ dispensacion, and take, receiue, and kepe, no benefices than one, after the maner and fourme aforesayde, be taken and vnderstanden to extende in numbze to no mo benefices with cure of soule, than is aboue limited, accomptinge in the same and as parcell thereof, suche benefices with cure of soule, as anie of the saide persons shall haue in reall title, oꝛ in their possession, at the saide first dale of Aprill, in the yere of our lord god M.v.C.and.xxx.

Prouided also, that euery archebischop, because he muste occupie. vii. chapleins at consecrations of bysshoppes. And euery bysshoppe, because he muste occupie. vi. chapleins at giuing of oꝛders and consecracion of churches, maie euery of the haue. ii. chapleins ouer and aboue the numbze aboue limited vnto them, wherof euery one may purchase licence oꝛ dispensacion, and take receiue and kepe as many personages and benefices with cure of soule, as is befoze assigned to suche chapleins.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no persone

or persones, to whom any numbze of chapleines or any chapleine by any of the pzoouisions afozesaide is limited, shall in any wise by colour of any of the same pzoouisions, auauce any spirituall person or persons, aboue the numbze to them appointed, to receiue or kepe any mo benefices with cure of soule, than is aboue limited by this acte, any thing specified in the said pzoouisions not withstanding: and if they dooe, than euery such spirituall person and persons, so uauenced aboue the saide numbze, to incurre the pain and penaltie contained in this acte.

EBe it also furthemoze enacted by the auctozitie afozesaide, that as well euery spiritual person now beinge pzomoted to anie archdeconty, deanry, or dignitie in anie monasterie or cathedrall church, or other church conu- tuall or collegiall, or being beneficed with anie personage or vicarage, as all and euery spirituall person and persones, which hereafter shall be pzomoted to anie of the saide dignities, or benefices, with any personage or vicarage from the feast of saint Michell the archaungell next comming, shall be personallie resident and abidinge in, at and bypon his saide dignitie, pzebende, or benefice, or at one of them at the least. And in case any such spiritual person at any time after the said feast, kepe not residence, at one of his saide dignities, pzebende, or benefices, as is afozesaide, but absente him selfe woulfullie by the space of one monethe together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at seuerall times in any one yere, and make his residence and abidinge in any other places, by such time, that than he shall forfeite for euerye suche default .x.li. sterlinge. The one halfe thereof to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe of the same to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes by originall writte of dette, bille, plain, or information. In which action and suite the defendaunte shall not wage his lawe, nor haue any escoine or protection allowed.

And if any person or persons procure or obtaine at the court of Rome or els where, anye maner of licence or dispensacion to be none resident at their said dignities, pzebende, or benefices, contrarie to this acte, that then euery such person or persons, puttinge in execution any suche dispensacion or licence for him selfe, from the saide firste date of Aprill, in the yere of our lord god M. d. li. and. xxx. shall renne and incurre in the penaltie, damage, and paine of .xx. pounds sterlinge for enery time so doinge, to be forfeited and reco- uered as is abouesaide, and suche licence or dispensacion so procured, or to be put in execution, to be boide and of none effecte.

Provided alwaies, that this acte of none residence shall not in anye wise extend ne be pzetudiciall to anie suche spirituall person as shall chaunce to be in the kinges seruice beyonde the sea, nor to anie personne or persons go- ynge to anie pylgrimage or holie place beyond the sea, during the time that they shall be in the kinges seruice, or in their pylgrimages goyng and retourning home, nor to anie scholer or scholars beinge conuersant and a- bidinge for studie, without fraude or couene, at any vniuersite within this realme,

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realme or without, nor to any of the chaplaines of the kinges or queenes, dayly or quarterly attendinge and abidinge in the kinges or queenes most honorable householdes. Nor to any of the chapleines of the prince or prin-
 cesse, or any of the kinges or queenes children, brethren or sisterne, attending
 daily in their honorable householdes, during so longe as they shall attende
 in any of their saide householdes. Nor to any chapleine of any archbishop
 or bishop, or of any spirituall or temporall lordes of the parliament, daylie
 attendinge, abydinge and remaininge in anye of their honorable house-
 holdes. Nor to anie chapleyn of any duchesse, marques, countesse, vicountesse,
 or baronesse, attendinge dayly and abidinge in any their honorable house-
 holdes. Nor to anie chapleyn of the lord chancellor or tresorer of England,
 the kinges chamberleine or steward of his household for the time be-
 ynge, the tresorer and comptroller of the kinges moste honourable house-
 holde for the time beinge, attendinge dayly in any their honorable house-
 holdes. Nor to any chaplain of any of the knightes of the honorable order
 of the garter, or of the chiefe iustice of the kinges bench, wardein of the
 portes, or also of the maister of the rolles. Nor to any chapleine of the kin-
 ges secretarie and deane of the chapell, or amner for the time beyng: dayly
 attendinge and dwellinge in anie their householdes, duringe the time that
 any suche chapleine or chapleines shall abyde and dwell, without fraud or
 couyn, in any of the saide honorable householdes. Nor to the maister of the
 rolles or deane of the arches. Nor to anie chauncellour or commissarie of any
 archebishoppe or bishoppe. Nor to as many of the .xii. maisters of the
 chauncerie, and .xii. aduocates of the arches, as be or hereafter shall be spi-
 rituall men, duringe so longe time as they shall occupie their said countes
 and offices. Nor to any suche spiritual personnes, as shall happen by in-
 iunction of the lord chauncellour, or the kinges counsaile to bee bounde
 to anie daile apparance and attendance to answere to the lawe, duringe
 the time of suche iniunction.

¶ Provided also that it shall be lefull to every spirituall personne or perso-
 nes, beinge chapleines to the kinge our soueraigne lord, to whom it shall
 please his highnes to geue any benefices or promotions spirituall, to what
 numbze so euer it be, to accept and take the same, withoute incurringe the
 danger, penaltie, and forfaiture in this estatute comprised. And that also
 it shall be lefull to the kinges highnes to geue licence to euerye of his owne
 chapleynes for none residence vpon their benefices. Any thing in this pre-
 sent acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And be it furthermoze enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no spiri-
 tuall personne, secular or regular, benefited with cure, as is afoze reherced,
 from the feaste of saint Michell tharchaungell next comminge, by aucto-
 ritie of anie maner licence, dispensacion, or otherwise, shall take anie perti-
 cular stipende or salarie to syng for any soule, nor haue or occupie by him
 selfe or by any other to his vse, any personage, or vicarage in ferme, of the
 leesse or graunte of anie personne or persones, nor take any profite or rente

out of any such ferme, vppon paine to forfeite .xl. s. for euery such weeke that he or any to his vse shall occupie, or haue any such stipende or ferme contrary to this present acte. And vpon paine to lose .x. times the value of such profite or rente as he shall take out of any such ferme after the saide feast. The one halfe of which forfeiture to be to the king our soueraine lord, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same by original writte, byll, plainte of dette, or by informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which sute and action no wager of lawe shall be admitted for the defendante, nor any essoine or protection allowed.

¶ Provided alway that no deanerie, archdeaconry, chauncellourship, treasurer, chauntership, or prebende in any cathedrall or collegiall church, nor personage that hath a vicar indue, nor any benefice perpetually appropriate, be taken or comprehended vnder the name of benefice, hauinge cure of soule in any article aforespecified.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no spirituall personne or personnes regular or secular, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, from the firste day of Aprill next comminge, haue, vse, or kepe, by him or them selfe, or by any person or personnes to his or their vse or commoditie, any maner of tanne house or tanne houses, to be vled or occupied to his or their owne vse, commoditie, or behoue, nor from the saide firste date of Aprill nexte comminge, shall haue, vse or kepe any maner of brewhouse or brewhouses to any other vse, intente, or behoue, than onelie to be spent and occupied in his or their owne houses, vppon paine to forfeite for euery moneth so vsinge and occupieng any of the saide miseries or occupacions. .xl. li. The one moitie therof to the kinge our soueraine lord, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same by original writte, byll, plainte of dette, or by informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which action and sute no wager of lawe shall be admitted for the defendante, ne any essoine or protection allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies, that euery duchesse, marques, countesse, baronesse, wydowes, which haue taken or that hereafter shall take any housebandes vnder the degree of a baron, may take such numbze of chaplaines, as is aboue limited to them beyng wydowes: and that euery such chaplayne may purchase licence to haue and take such numbze of benefices with cure of soule, and haue like libertie of nonresidence in maner and fourme as they might haue done if their said ladies and maistrisles hadde kept them selfe wydowes: Any thinge in this present acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that euery spirituall personne or persones, hauinge landes, tenementes, or other possessions in the right of their houses aboue the petely value of .viii. C. markes, may kepe and retaine in their occupation and manurance, as muche as their saide landes, and tenementes, and other possessions, as shall be necessarie and sufficient for pasturage of their cattelles, and for tyllage of cornes to be employed and spent for the onelie maintey-

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maintenaunce, sustentacion, and keeping of his or their householdes and hospitalities, without fraude or couyn: any thing in this present acte, to the contrarie therof not withstanding.

Provided alway that it may be lesfull to such spiritual person and persons to take in ferme any mees, manors, or dwelling houses, haunge but only orchardes or gardenes, in any cite, borough, or towne, for their owne habitation or dwelling. Any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding. So that no person spiritual or heret can be above provided for, for their none residence haue any libertie of none residence, by colour of this proviso.

An act concerning linnen cloth, called Dowlas and lockerams. Cap. xiiii.



A most humble wise sheweth vnto the kinges highnes, and to the lordes spiritual and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled: The linnen drapers inhabitauntes within the cite of London, blynge to sell linnen clothe, called Dowlas and lockeram, of the commodities brought and made in Britaine, in the parties beyonde the sea, that where by all the time, wherof minde of man is not to the contrarie, in the time of the kinges most noble progenitours, all such marchauntes as well english as straungers, as at any time brought or conueied the saide Dowlas and lockeram into this realme of England, brought and conueied the same in peces or halfe peces euery hole peece of Dowlas, containing in lengthe. b. score elles of assise, accompting to euery ell one ynche of assise, and in brede one yarde of assise, and euery halfe peece fiftie elles in lengthe, and one yarde in brede of like assise. And all the hole peece and halfe peece of one goodnes in making, and as wel euery peece of lockeram to be of like length, as the hole peece of Dowlas, and euery halfe peece of lockeram to be of like length as the halfe peece of Dowlas, and euery such hole peece and halfe peece to be in brede a hole yarde lacking a naile of the yarde, and euery peece and half peece to be in like goodnes by all the length of the same peece, which when it was so bled, was to the great profit of all the kinges subiectes. And now of late within the space of. xx. or. xxx. yeres passed, diuers personnes for their owne singuler lucre, haue brought all the saide Dowlas and lockeram in halfe peces, whiche halfe peece lacketh in euery suche one halfe peece of the due lengthe. iiii. or. v. elles, and sume more and sume lesse, beside the brede of assise and accustomed, to the great and extreme hurte of the kinges poore subiectes, occupiers, biers, and sellars of the same. It may therfore please your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, to enacte and establishe, that no personne or persons, englishe nor straunger, denizen nor alien, from or after the feast

of saint Michell the archangell next comynge, shall bringe or conuey or cause to bee brought, or conueied, by any maner of meanes into this realme of Englande, any of the saide linnen clothe, called dobolas or lockerams, so to be brought or conueied into this realme, not conteynynge the full lengthes, breades, goodnesse, and assises, as is aforesaide, and as heretofore in olde times hath bene accustomed and vled, vnder paine of forfaiture of the same dobolas and lockeram, so to be brought or conueied into this realme, not conteynynge the full lengthe, bredth, goodnes, and assise, or the value therof, the one halfe to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe of the saide forfaiture, to him or them that shall take or lease the same, or sue for the same, by action, or informacion, bill, or otherwise. In which actions, suites, or informacion, no wager of lawe or essoyne shall be admitted.

An acte that all termers, may enioy their lesles against recoueries had by fained titles, and falsifie the same recoueries. Cap. xv.

Where afore this time diuers persons haue made lesles of their manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, some time by their indentures, & sometime without writinges to other persons for terme of yeres, taking of them great fines for the incummes of the same lesles, and after the same lessours, their heires or assignes haue caused and suffered recoueries to be had against them in the courte of our soueraigne lord the king, and in other lordes courtes, vpon feined and vntrewe titles, by fraude and coluine to put the saide termers from their said termes. And after suche recoueries had, the same recoueries, by reason of suche recoueries and iudgementes, haue entred into the same manours, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, so to ferme letten, and therof haue expelled the saide termers, contrary to their said lesles, couenauntes and agrementes. And bicaule it was doubted to some persons, whether the saide termers might falsifie such recoueries or not.

Be it therefore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all suche termers shall and may falsifie for his terme onely, suche recoueries, as well heretofore had, as hereafter to be had, in suche wise and fountine as a ternaunt of a free holde, shall and may do by the course of the comon lawe, where suche ternaunt of free holde was neither pzeuie nor partie to the same recouerie. And that the same termers, their executors and assignes, not withstandinge suche recoueries so had, shall retaine, holde, and enioy their sayde termes, according to their saide lesles against all suche recoueries, their heires and assignes, after such recouerie so had, shall haue like remedie against the saide termers, their executors and assignes, by auoizie or action

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action of dette for the rentes and seruices reserved vppon the same lessees beinge deuow after the same recoueries, and also like actions against them for wast done, after the same recoueries so had, in like maner & forme as the saide lessours should or might haue had, if the same recoueries had neuer be had. And also be it further euacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that no maner of statute of the staple, statute marchant, nor execution by elegit, be hereafter auoided, or in any wise made frustrate, by meanes of any suche feined recouerie, but that all persons hauing any landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes in execution, or being intitled to haue execution of any manours, landes, or tenementes, by any such meanes, shal haue by force of this estatute like remedie to auoide and falsifie the same recoueries, as before is ordeined and prouided for the lesse for terme of yeres.

¶ An acte concerning artificers strangers. Cap. xvi.



¶ Kauen the comons in this present parliament assembled that where in the .xv. day of february, in the .xx. yere of the reigne of our now most gracious soueraigne lord the kinge Henrie the .viii. by our said soueraigne lord the king, his most honorable counsaill in his sterre chambze at Westmister for the comon welth of his naturall subiectes bozne within this his realme, by great and deliberate aduise, it was demed, adiudged, and decreed that no straunger artificer, bozne out of our saide soueraigne lord his obeysaunce, inhabiting within any citee, boroughe, or any other place within this his realme of Englande, from henceforth should keepe in his or their house or houses, any maner straungers seruauntes, bozne out of his obeysaunce, but onely ii. seruauntes straungers and no moe at one time. And also all & singuler straungers, that than were, or after the making of the said decree should be made denizens, that at the time or after the making thereof, wolde inhabite within the citee of London, suburbes, or within .ii. miles compasse of the same, and kepe or wolde kepe houses, or occupie their crafte, shoulde be contributores to and with our saide soueraigne lord his subiectes artificers within the said citee of London, paynge, bearynge, and susteynyng such charges, as hereafter shalbe exprested, that is to say, that all other straungers, artificers, denizens or no denizens, of euery handie crafte or misterie, inhabiting as well within the citee of London, as in any other citee, towne, boroughe, or village, within this his realme, should pay, beare, and susteine all such and like charges, as our said soueraigne lord his subiectes of like crafte and misterie do alwaies ble to pay.

¶ And if any of them refused or denied the same or any parte thereof, than he or they so denieng or refusinge so to do, should not any longer occupie any handie crafte, vpon the peynes, damages, and perilles, specified as wel in the actes or statutes made in the .xiii. and .xv. yeres of the reigne of our now soueraigne lord, as in one estatute made in the firste yere of the

the reigne of king Richard the. iii. And that the same straungers, denizens or no denizens householders, which wold remaine and abide with in our saide soueraigne lord his realme, should vpon lawfull warninge to them geuen, by the maister and wardens of diuers and sundrie misteries, mencioned and specified in the saide decree within the saide cities and townes, presente them selfe in the common halle, or meetyng place of the saide craftes, and there to receiue and take their othe, and bee swozne vpon the holy Euangeliste before the maister and wardens of their saide craft, to be faithfull and true to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and his heires, kinges of Englande, and to be obedient to him and them, and his and their lawes.

Also that no straunger artificer or handy craftes man bozne out of our saide soueraigne lord his obeyssaunce, not beyng denizen, whiche was not a householder, the. xv. day of februarie aboue saide, shoulde not set vp ne keepe any house, shoppe, shoppes, or chaumbre, wherin they shoulde exercise or occupie any handie craft or misterie within this our said soueraigne lord his realme, vpon paine to incurre and runne into such penalties as be contained in the statutes before this time made and enacted, as is aforesaide. And that none of the straungers artificers or handie craftes men, bozne out of our soueraigne lord his obeyssaunce, as well denizens as no denizens, shoulde assemble in any companie, fellowship, congregation, or conuenticle but onely in the common halle of their craftes with our saide soueraigne lord his subiectes, whiche be of the companies of their said craft or craftes, at suche time as they should be commaunded and warned by the said maister and wardens of their saide craft or craftes, and at none other place and time, or in any other maner vpon the payne afoze expressed, as by the saide decree shewed and exemplified, and here vnto annexed, vnder our saide soueraigne lord the kinge his great seale, moze plainly and at large it may and dothe appere: That for the common wealthe aboue saide, it may be enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the saide order and decree, hadde, genen, and made, by our saide soueraigne lord the king, his most honozable counsaile, and all and euery thing therein contained, specified, and declared, be holden and obserued firme and stable, and duly to be put in execucion in euery pointe and article, in maner and forme as is aboue reherfed, accordinge to the purpozte, effecte, and true meaning of the same.

Be it furthermoze enacted by the auctoritie aboue saide, that the acte made in the parliament begonne at London the. xv. day of Aprill, in the xiii. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, and from London adiourned to westminster the last day of July, in the xv. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, concerning straungers artificers, for takynge of apprentices, iourney men, and conuauente seruantes

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seruauntes, and euery article and prouissions conteneid in the same acte, shall be from henceforth put in due execution, accordynge to the trew intente, meanyng, and purpote of the same, as well within the cite of London, as in all other citie boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, & the same to endure perpetually, any thing conteneid in the sayd acte or decree to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that no artificer, aliant or estraunger, borne out of the kinges obeyssaunce, beyng a householder, or inhabitynge within any of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or within the saintuary of saint Martyn le graunde, within the cite of London, shall from henceforth haue or reteine in their seruice, iourneymen or apprentises, beyng aliantes or estraungers borne, aboue the numbere of .x. persons at one time, vpon payne of the penaltie conteneid in the sayd acte, made in the said .xiiii. and .xx. yere of our sayde soueraigne lord: The prouission conteyned or specified in the same acte notwithstanding.

The decree made in the sterre chaumbre for artificers straungers, by the kynges moste honorable counsaile, the .xx. day of february, in the .xx. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the .viii.



HENRICVS octauus dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, Rex, fidei defensor, & in terra ecclesiæ, Anglicanæ & Hiberniæ, supremum caput: omnibus, ad quos præsentēs litteræ peruenerint, salutem. Inspecimus quoddam breue nostrum de certiorand. Thomæ Eliot clerico consilij nostri direct. & in filaciis cancellar. nostræ residen. in hæc verba: Dilecto sibi Thomæ Eliot armigero clerico consilij nostri salutem. Volentes certis de causis certiorari super tenore cuiusdam finalis decreti coram nobis & consilio nostro habit. de & super executione quorundam statutorū & ordinationum contra alienigen. exercentes artes & artificia manualia, inhabitantes infra regnum nostrum Angliæ edit. & prouis. tibi præcepimus, quod tenorem finalis decreti prædict. cum omnibus eam tangentibus nobis in Cancellar. nostram sub sigillo tuo distincte & aperte, sine dilacione mittas, & hoc breue. Teste me ipso apud vvestmonast. xiiii. die Aprilis, Anno regni nostri. xx. Inspecimus etiam quoddam decretum per nos & consilium nostrum apud vvestmonast. in Camera stellata redditum, & in filaciis eiusdem Cancellar. nostræ similiter residen. in hæc verba.



Where of late our true and faithfull subiectes, artificers and handie craftes men, borne vnder our obeyssaunce, inhabiting within our cite of London and the suburbs of the same, exhibited vnto vs a lamentable bill of complaynte, conteynyng, that notwithstanding many good & necessary statutes and

and actes of parliament haue bene edified, ordeined, and made, and especiall one in the first yere of kynge Richarde the third. And the other beyng made in the yere of the reigne of our derest father of noble memorie, Henry the .viii. late kynge of this our realme, and in the .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reigne, conceynge the straungers, artificers, and handy craftes men, borne out of our obeyssaunce, vsynge and exercisynge handy craftes, within this our realme of Englande, as well for the restraynyng of the excessive numbze and vnrasonable behauour of the same straungers, artificers, borne, out of our obeyssaunce, whiche by continuall resorte and repayre into this our said realme, dayly increased, to the great detriment of our owne naturall subiectes, artificers of the same handy craftes and misteries, and of other sondre inconueniencies, by occasion that diuers of the saide subiectes for lacke of occupation, fall vnto idelnesse: as also for the reformation of sundry disceytes and fallehoodes practised by the sayd straungers, artificers in theyr sayde handie craftes, to the great damage and losse of vs and of all our said naturall subiectes. The said straungers, artificers, nothyng pondryng or dredynge the sayde statutes, ne the penalties in the same contained and expressed, cease not contemptuously, as well to abuse the sayde statutes as most parte intierly to infringe and breake the same. And to accumulate fro tyme to tyme more offences and enormities, as well against our prerogatiue as to the detriment of the common wealth of this our realme, and our lovyng subiectes of the same, for whan any serche shall be made in euery handie craft within any citie, towne, or borough corporate, within our sayde realme by our subiectes, the said wardens and others ordeined by the sayd last acte of handy crafte men, within any citie, towne, or borough corporate, and one houlholder straunger borne out of our obeyssaunce, inhabiting within our said citie, towne, or borough corporate, vsyng any handy crafte, be he demisen or not demisen, the saide straunger beyng a houlholder, as before is sayde, beyng lawfully warned and required therunto, accordynge to the saide acte, other will refuse to do his duetie therein, or els he wyll geue secreete warnynge therof to his bretherne of the sayde craftes, wherby they haue not onely conueyed and hidde all their vnlawfull, vntreue, subtil, and disceitfull wares, whiche they vntreuly, subtilly, vnsustanciually and disceitfully haue made, and dayly make, and vtter to our subiectes at excessive and vnrasonable prices, to the great detriment and damages of our sayde subiectes, but also their seruantes and prentices they haue hyd from the knowledge of the sayde wardens, whan any suche serche hath hapned to be made, and so they defraude the same good and honorable estatute and acte. So that therof no lawfull punishment coulde, can, might, or may ensue. accordynge to the tenure, purpote, and effecte of the sayde statute, but they contempne, dispise, and set at naught the same, wherby & by the other vnlawfull meanes aforesayd, and others, as subtilly sendynge and conueying ouer the Sea, bacon, cheese, powdered beefes, muttons, and other commodities within this our realme, not onely within and oute of the

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the saide cities, towne, and boroughes corporate, but also within and out of other places throughte out our realme, by them the said straungers practised and executed, wherby they daylie increafe in greate riches, and in great multitude in numbres of straungers handie craftes men, bozne out of our obeisaunce. And whan they haue gathered muche riches and money, they against our lawes conuey the same money ouer the sea. And then they also goe ouer the sea into their countries, and there purchase them landes and tenementes with parte therof, and with the residew of the same they liue therby, and sometime they conuerte parte thereof to the vse of our enemies in those parties. And so as well our pooze subiectes corde wainers, and all our subiectes handie craftes men bozne within our obeisaunce, by the meanes aforesaide, bee soze impouerished, minished, and almoſte vtterly decayed and distroyed, and many of them for lacke of occupation in the saide handie craftes, be constrained to liue in idelnesse, by occasion wherof, they do continually fall to thefte, murder, and other greate offences, and consequentlie in great numbres be put to death by our lawes, as we be informed. And also the great scarcitie of graine and bittaille at this present time throughout this our realme, to be the more enforced, and caused by reason of the great multitude and continuall recours of the saide straungers handie craftes men, whiche consume a greate porcion of corne, and bittaille, growen and bredde within this our realme, the premises considered to the entent to be therof more perfectly and trewly instructed, for the charitable zeale that we haue to the common weale of our realme, and our saide subiectes of the same: and for the quietnes of the said straungers we haue assigned and geuen in commaundement to our lordes, and others of our counsaile indifferently to examine the premises, and as well to here the saide complaints, as the said defendantes, and their allegiaunces and sayenges of, in, and to the premises, and to euery parte therof, and the same by them harde, examined, and by good deliberate aduise vnderstanden, to ordeine, adiudge, and decree the same, after their wisedomes and lerning, wherbpon as well the saide bill of complaint, the answere of the saide defendantes therunto made, the replicacion of the saide complainantes, to the said answere also made. And all other allegiaunces ar. . . yng of both the saide parties, by mature and deliberate aduise by our saide counsaile ripely examined, harde, and vnderstande.

It is ordeined, adiudged, and decreed, the .xx. day of februarye, in this present terme of saint Hillarie, in the .xx. yere, at our reigne in our sterred chambze by the moste reuerende father in god, Thomas lorde Cardinall, legate de latere of the apostolique see, archebischoppe of yorke, primate and Chauncellour of Englande, and by our nobles and others of our saide counsaile, and by the mutuall assentes of the complanantes ar. . . defendantes than there beyng in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to say, that according to the act of parliament made the saide .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reigne, that no straunger artificer bozne out of our obeisaunce, inhabi-
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tyng within anie citie, towne, or borough, or any other place within this our realme of England, from thenceforth he shal kepe in his or their house or houses, any maner of seruauntes graungers, bozne out of our obeisance, but onely two straungers seruauntes, and no moze at one time. And that as many of the straungers artificers, now inhabiting within anie citie, towne, or borough corporate, or in any other place within our said realme, that will be appzntices or seruauntes to or with any of our subiectes artificers bozne within our obeisance, exercisynge newe or olde stufte, inhabitynge within our saide realme, shall bee suffered so to abide and dwell with them, without interrupcion, as longe as they will so continue and abide with them and can agree together.

¶ And fuzthermoze it is decreed, that it shall be lesfull to al and euery of the saide straungers artificers, now beyng householders within our saide realme, to take as many of our subiectes bozne within our obeisance, to be their seruauntes and appzntices, in the crafte that they do exercise, as they can lafully gette. And that all the straungers artificers, now being householders within our saide citie of London, suburbs, parishes, or compasse therof, expzessed in the saide statutes, or within .ii. myles compasse of the sayd parishes, And also all and singuler straungers that now be, or hereafter shall be made denizens, that doe or hereafter will inhabite within our said citie of London, suburbs, or parishes aforesayde, or within .ii. myles compasse of the same, and kepe howses, and occupie their craft, shall be contributozie to & with our subiectes artificers within our citie of London, payng, bearing & susteyning such charges as hereafter shalbe expzessed. That is to say, as well euery of the said strangers, beyng of the crafte & misterie of cordwainers, householders, as denizens that now be or hereafter shall be made denizens and shall inhabite within our saide citie, suburbs, parishes, or .ii. miles compas of the same, shal quarterly pay to the said maister wardens and cominaltie of the said crafte of Cordwainers within our saide citie of London for the tyme beyng .vi. d. And euery seruaunte straunger of the saide occupacion of the saide cordwayners within the saide citie, suburbs, and pzeincte, noz beinge denysen, shall quarterlie paie to the saide maister wardenes and comminaltie .iii. d. And that all other straungers artificers, and denizens, of eueric handie crafte and misterie, inhabitinge as well within our saide citie of London, as in anie other citie or towne within this our realme, shall paie, beare, and susteine, all suche and like charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and misterie bozne out of our obeisance, inhabitynge within the citie, borough or towne of their habitation at this time, dooe beare and susteine. And also all straungers artificers and denizens, exercisynge the crafte and misterie of Cordwainers, dwellinge out of our citie of london in anie other citie or towne within this our realme shall paie, beare, and susteine, seotte, taxes, tallages, subsidies, prestes, and all other reasonable exactions from time to time, accozdinge as the saide maisters, wardens, and companies, of

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of the saide craftes for the time beinge, shall be bounden to paie, beare, and susteine, when any subsidie, taxe, tallage, or preast or other reasonable charges, shall be by the mayre and aldermen of our saide cite of London, and the maires and aldermen of our saide other cities and townes, or by the common counsaile of the saide cite, cities, and townes, of and for anie charges of paymentes of money, to be paie by the companies of the saide craftes; citizens of anie cite, for anie payment to be made unto the kinges highnesse, or his heires, or elles to be paie for anie cause concerninge the common welth of anie our said cities or townes, or common welthe of the saide artificers, the saide straunger shall pay all the same, that they shalbe assessed or taxed to paie, as contributores with the saide companies, being our subiectes, as our saide subiectes shal be assessed and taxed to paie. And if any of them denie or refuse the same, or any parte thereof, than he or they denyng and refusing so to do, shal not onely lose the benefite of this decree, but also shal not any longer occupie any handie crafte, bpon the peines, daungers, and perils specified in the aboue remembred actes and statutes.

And that as well al and cuery of the said householders straungers aforesaid, as all other straungers artificers, made or to be made denizens, that shall be householders, and inhabite and occupie any crafte within our said cite, suburbs, or. ii. myles compasse of the same, as long as they shall remaine and abide within the saide cite, suburbs, and. ii. myles compasse of the same, beinge reasonable required and warned by the wardenes or other persons gouernours in any cite, towne, or borowe corporate of their saide craftes, within any of our saide cities or townes corporate, or by any of them for the time beinge, or by their laful deputies, or deputie, shall go with the saide wardenes or other gouernours there as no wardenes be, to make serche, accordinge to the aboue remembred actes of parliament made in the .xiii. and .xv. yere of our reigne: whiche if they refuse to doo, and that proued before the chauncellour of Englande, or before the maire of London, and in other cities, before the chiefe personnes of the saide cities or townes, for the time beinge: That then the same householders, or householders so offendinge, denyng, or refusinge the same, shall no longer the same his occupation exercise or vse within this our realme, bpon paine, perill, and daunger expessed in the afoze remembred actes and statutes. And that the same straungers artificers, denizens or not denizens, householders, whiche will remaine and abide within our saide realme, shall bpon lafull notice to them geuen by the maister or wardenes of their crafte, or one of them, personally present them selues in the common halle or meetinge place of their saide craftes, within our saide cities and townes there as they be inhabitinge: and than and there euerie of them to receiue and take their othes, and be swozne bpon the holie Euangelist, before the said maister and wardens, of their saide craft and misterie within our saide cities and townes corporate, to be faithfull and trewe to vs and

to our heires kinges of Englande, and to be obedient to vs & them, and to our and their lawes, and to all actes, ordinaunces and decrees, made and confirmed by vs and our counsaile, or by our counsaile, and dewely and trewely at all times, whan they shal be appointed by the wardeins of their felowshippe, crafte, or misterie, for the tyme being, or their deputies, to make serche with them, accorde to the purposse, tenour, or effecte of an estatute and act of parliament made in the. xiii. and. xv. yere of our reigne and haue warninge and monicion therof by the wardeins or any of them, or any other their sufficient deputie or deputies, in that be halfe to them made & geuen, and that they shal be readie to goe with the said wardeins to make the same serche, and that they shal not geue notice to any straunger of the saide serche, vntill they with the saide wardeins come together to make the saide serche, and that they shal wel, indifferently & truly behaue them in the same, settinge all affection, fauour, malice, & bzed of any creature, and all fraude and disceite aparte, so helpe them god and al saintes, and by the holy Euangelist. And their othe so receiued in fourme aforesaid the saide straungers shal paie for their admission, accorde to our said subiectes haue alwaie bled to paie.

It is also further decreed, that no straunger artificer or handie crafter man borne out of our obeisance, not beinge denizen, whiche at the day of the making of this decree, is not a householder within this our realme, or kepeth anie shoppe or shoppes within the saide citie and suburbes, or anie other citie, towne, or borough, within this our realme, shal from that daie forwarde sette vp or kepe anie house, shoppe, or chaumbre, within our citie of London, suburbes, or parishes before reherled, or within anie other citie, towne, borough, or village, within this our realme, wherin he shal exercise & practise any handie crafte or mistery, vpon paine to incurr & renne in such penalties as be contained in the statutes before this time made & enacted. And that none of the saide straungers, artificers, or handy crafter men, borne out of our obeisance, as well denizens as other, shal assemble in any companie, felowship, congregacion, or conuenticle, but onely in the common hall of their crafter, with our subiectes, which be of the companie of their saide craft or crafter at such time as they shal be commanded and warned by the maister and wardeins of the said crafte or crafter, and at none other place or time, and in anie other maner, vpon paine aforesaid expessed.

Provided alwaie that this decree and euery parte thereof, concerninge the crafte and misterie of Cordwainers shal extend as wel to them that worke olde stufte, as newe, within our citie of London, the suburbes of the same, or in any other citie, towne, borough, or village, within this our realme of Englande.

Provided also that not withstandinge any wordes comprised in this decree, the straungers artificers, denizens, or not denizens, inhabitinge in the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, and within the sanctuary of sainte Martines le graunde within the citie of London, shal enioye al the benefices, and aduantages reserved

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referred unto them by reason of any provision made by acte of parliament expressed in the Statute made in the. xiii. and xv. yere of our reigne; So that the saide straungers denizens or not denizens, inhabiting within the said saintuarie of sainte Martins le graund, be confirmable to such direction and order as shall be taken by the reverende father in god Cuthberte byshoppe of london, sir Richarde Brooke knight chiefe baron of our elchequer, John Hore knight, one of the Justices of our bench, syr John Dauncy, and syr John Aleyn knightes, to whom we have of late directed our letters patentes, and by the same geuen them power & auctoritie, and commaunding them and every of them to cause the house of everie straunger and denizen artificer, inhabitinge and dwelling within the said saintuarie, to be serched and viewed, howe manie servantes he or they keepe bozne out of our obeylaunce, and they beinge all viewed and sene, than to appoint to every of the saide straungers, householders inhabitinge within the sayd saintuarie, by them in foume aforesaide so tried, to be within the bondes and limittes of the saide saintuarie, suche numbze of servantes strangers, bozne out of your obeisance, as they by their discrecions shal thinke convenient, and sufficient, and not to be at any detrimente unto our subiectes inhabitauntes within our said citee.

Also commaunding in our name all and every the said straungers denizens, householders, that they from henceforth do not kepe within their howses, or in any other house, shoppe, or chaumbre within our saide citee of London or the suburbs of the same, any mo servantes, beinge bozne out of our obeisance, than shall be to them at that time to them appointed, as they will avoid the danger and penaltie of our lawes, and what they have done in the premises, that they doo certifie to vs and our counsaile in our sterre chambze at westminster at the. xv. daie of Easter next comming. In witnesse wherof we will as well the saide decree as all other the premises, shall be exemplified vnder our seale.

Nos autem tenorem brevis & decreti predicti ad requisitionem magistri & gardianorum artis siue misteria aulteriorum siue Cordvveyners London. duximus exemplificand. per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud vestmonaster. vicesimo die Aprilis, Anno regni nostri vicesimo.

An acte for the adnullinge of the letters patentes made to the citee of Pozke, concerning shipping of wolles. Cap. xvii.

Where as the king our soueraigne lord vpon feined suggestions submitted to his highnesse to have bene for the aduancement of his aunciente citee of Pozke by his letters patentes graunted unto the mayze and citezens of the same citee of Pozke, to shippe, conuey, transporte, and carie, unto the porte of Hulle in the countie of Pozke, wolles, and felles, of the growinge of dyuers places in the saide countie expressed, as in the

saide letters patentees maie appere, the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth.
 Henry the eyght by the grace of god kinge of Englande, Fraunce, and Ire-
 lande, defendour of the feith, and of the church of England, & also of Ire-
 land in erth supreme heade, to all and every our iustices, Shaires, Shuriffes,
 bailiffes, customers, cottrollers, constables, & all other our lieges & subiects,
 as wel within the liberties as without, greting. Knowe you that we of our
 especial grace, mere motion, & liberalitie, hauing a tender zeale & loue to the
 encrease, aduancement & amendment of our auncient citie of Porke, haue gi-
 uen & graunted, & by these presentes geue & grant for vs and our heires, as
 much as in vs is, vnto our louing & humble subiectes, the maire & citizens,
 of the saide citie, and to euery of them and to their heires & successours, and
 to the heires and successours of euery of them, as long as they inhabite and
 dwell within our saide citie, & be free of the same, free libertie & licence fro
 henceforth from time to time, to shippe, conuey, transpote, and carie vn-
 to your port of Hull, in our countie of Porke, and from thence to all fozeine
 countreis and regions at their pleasure, by them selues, their apprentices
 iourneimen, and factours, to their owne vse onely, All suche wolles and
 felles, whiche any of the saide citizens inhabited in our saide citie, and be-
 ing free therof by their featours and policies of marchandise or otherwise
 may lawfully attaine and come by, of the saide brede, fallynge, growinge,
 and increasynge, within the limittes and places of Houdenshire, March-
 lande, the honour of Dounfret, & they, the foreste of Knaresturgh, Rich-
 moundshire, Cleland, the foreste of Gaultres, Blackemoze, & Porke & old,
 or in any of them in our saide countie of Porke, without any daunger, peine,
 trouble, or damage of any of the saide citizens, their heyres or successours,
 or losse leaseure or forfaiture of any of the saide wolles or felles, or any of the,
 or any peine, punishment, or penaltie for them or any of them, to be had,
 done, or attempted for, or by vs, or our heires, or by anye of our ministers
 or subiectes in our name or to our vse, or to the vse of our heires, by vertue
 of any acte, vse, ordinaunce, or estatute heretofore made against any of the
 saide citezens their heires or successours, & without any toll, charge, or im-
 position, to be had, perceiued, & taken to our vse, or to the vse of our heires,
 of any of the saide citizens for the saide wolles and felles, or any of them,
 other then suche like custome and subsidie, as the inhabitauntes of our
 towne of Newcastell, for wolles and felles by them shipped and transpoz-
 ted to fozein countreis vse commonly to paze, any acte or ordinaunce here-
 tofore made or to be made to the contrarye not withstandinge: whiche cu-
 stome and subsidie shall be contented to our vse from time to tyme by our
 saide citezens to our custome of the saide porte of Hull, for the time beinge.
 And moreouer we of our especiall grace by these presentes, graunt vnto the
 saide Maire and citezens that these our present letters of licence shall be
 to the saide Maire and citezens, and to euery of them, to their heires and
 successours, and to the heyres and successours of euery of them at all times
 here after good and available for ever, against vs and our heyres, in, and
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for the premises, and for every of them, according to the tenure thereof, in every behalfe without any restraint, repale, diminucio, or revocacio, here after to be had or made thereof, or of any parte of the same, all be it there be no expresse mencion of the bette value and certaintie of the premises in these our letters specified, any acte or ordinaunce heretofore made, or to be made to the contrarie notwithstanding. And the said Maire and citezens shall have these our present letters of licence vnder our greate seale, without any fine or fee to our vse in our hamper thereof to be payde, and without any further warrant to be obtained of vs, to be directed to any of our ministers and officers in that behalfe. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patentes to be sealed with our greate seale, at Hampton courte, the .xxii. day of August, the .xv. yere of our reigne. Sithen the which letters patentes, the saide cite is therby nothing helped ne increased according to the saide surmise, nor the comminalte thereof in any thinge therby increased or auanced, but such profit as did growe by reason of the said letters patentes, came to the handes of .iii. or .iiii. persons there onely, contrarie to the intent and meaning of our saide soueraigne lord: by reason whereof our saide soueraigne lord hath sustained, and dayly doth susteine great losses in his customes of wolles and felles: and the clotheers there lacke the wolles, wherewith they vsed to make clothe within the saide countie, whiche in lengthe should not onely growe to the hurt of all the kinges poore subiectes, that bee occupied with makinge of clothe in those parties, but also to the kinges disinheritaunce & minishing of his saide customes, if it were continued. In consideracion whereof, be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the assent and auctoritie of the same, that the said letters patentes and every thing therein contained, be from henceforth adnulled, repelled, and boide, and of none effecte. And that the said maire and citezens, nor their heires, nor successours, shall not have ne take from henceforth any advantage, profite, or comoditie, by reason of the same letters patentes, or of any licence and graunte, or any other thing therein contained in any wise.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no citizens or inhabitautes within the saide cite, which before the first day of this present parliament have shipped, conueied, or caried any wolles or felles into the saide porte of Hulle, by vertue and auctoritie of the kinges sayd letters patentes, be charged ne chargeable vnto the kinges highnes for or with more payment, charge, or impositio for the said wolles or felles or any of them, other than with such like custome and subside, as the inhabitautes of the towne of Newcastle, for wolles and felles by them shipped and transported vlen commonly to pay, according as is afoze reherfed in the letters patentes, and no further ne otherwise, any informacio or other charge or matter had, made, or hereafter to be made or had in the kinges eschequer, or otherwise for the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte concerning New castell vpon Tyne, and the porte and
hauen therunto belonging. Cap. xlii.



Humbly shewen to your highnes your trewe and faithfull sub-
iectes, the Mayre, burgeises, and comminaltie of your towne
of Newcastle vpon Tyne, that where your grace & your most
noble progenitours kinges of Englande, time out of minde,
haue ben leased of the saide towne, and of the portes and hauen
of the riuer of Tyne there vnto belonging, and of all grounde with wa-
ter couered within the saide riuer of Tyne, from one place in the mouth of
the saide riuer called the Sparhawk, to one other place in the same riuer,
called Hedwinstremes, in their demeane, as of fee, in right of their crowne
of England, and as parcell of the same. And duringe all the saide time, all
maner of person or persons, as well free men, as straungers and denizens,
applieng or commying in the saide porte, hauen, and riuer from any par-
ties of beyonde the se, or of this realme of England with shippes or other
vesselles, charged, or loden with any maner of wares, or marchaundises,
or shippynge, chargeing, or loding, any shippes or vessells, with any kinde
of marchaundises to be conueied out of this said porte and hauen, to any
parties of this realme of Englande, or els where out of this saide realme,
haue alwaies during all the saide time, bled to charge & discharge, lode,
and unlode their saide goodes, wares, and marchaundises, at the sayde
towne of Newcastle, and no where els within the saide porte and hauen
and there haue alwaies paid to your said highnes and your saide moste
noble progenitours, all customes, subsidies, tolles, and other thinges due
for the same amounting pecely to the summe of fve hundred poundes and
aboue, wherof your said progenitours, your highnes, and your assignes
haue ben hitherto duely and truly answered and paid, as in your elchequer
more ample and at large doth appere. The which your towne of Newe-
castell is, as well in time of warres as of peace, the chief key, reliefe, and
Defence of all the parties of this realme therunto adioynge. And by
reason of the saide liberties, and franchises, your saide towne hath ben
to this time well replenished and maintained. In so muche as the inha-
bitauntes of your saide towne of late daies, haue bene able to serue your
highnes in your warres with.iiii.c. mariners or mo, apte & able persons
for that purpose, till now of late that diuers greate personages, as well
spirituall as tempozall, hauing landes adioynge to the saide porte and
riuer, betwene the saide towne of Newcastle and the sea, apte and easy for
chargeing & discharge of shippes and marchaundises, haue charged
and discharged, loded and unloded diuers shippes and marchaundises
within the saide porte and hauen at the saide places, not paynge thereof
any customes or other dueties to your highnes, by meane wherof your said
towne is likely to come to bitter decay and ruine: and the inhabitauntes
of the same to refuse and relinquish the saide towne, and to repayre and
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resorte to the saide places, to the greate disherison of your highnesse, and minishment of your customes, subsidies, and ducties, and profittes, customably payde at your towne and porte aforesaide. And also where diuers weiers and fyllhegates of late time haue ben made, reed, fixed, and set in the saide porte and riuer of Tyne, betwene your saide towne and the highe sea, by diuers persons hauing great landes and tenementes adioynng to the saide riuer, most specially within the bishopricke of Durhame, where your gracious writtes doth not runne, and where your commissions out of your courte of Chauncerie or other your courttes, do not take any effect: by meane wherof great sande beddes, and grauel heapes be growen and cast vp in the saide riuer and porte, so that within fewe yerres to come, no shippe of good burden or weight shalbe able to come or resorte to your saide towne, to the inestimable hurte of the countreies therunto adioyninge, and to the great damage of this your realme, specially to all persons nedinge sea coles, which be onely conueied from the saide porte of Newcastle, and in no where els had or to be shipped within this your realme.

In consideration wherof it may please your highnesse of your mooste abundaunt grace, with the assent of your lordes spirituall and tempozall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to enacte, ordeine, and establishe, that from henceforth any marchant or marchantes, or any other person or persons, shal not ship, lode or unlode, charge or discharge any maner of goodes, wares, or marchandises to be solde here within this your realme or els where, in, to, or from any ship or shippes, or other vessels, in or at any place or places within the saide port riuer and haven, betwene the saide place called the Sparhawk, & the saide place called Hedwinstremes, but onely at the saide towne of Newcastle, and no where els, vpon paine of forfaiture of all suche goodes, wares, and marchaundises to the king our saide soueraigne lord, and to his heires kinges of England, and that it shal be lefull vnto the maire, burgeses and comminaltie of the saide towne of Newcastle, and their successors, and all other the kinges officers there for the time beinge, for to take and sease all that saide such forfait, goodes, wares, and marchandises to the vse of our soueraigne lord the king, and of his heires, and the value therof to be answered in his eschequer.

Where it also enacted ordeined and establisshed, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that every owner, fermer and occupier of the saide weires, gozes and engins and every of the same, do abate, put downe, and put away the same weires, gozes, & engins, on this side the feast of Easter next coming. And that no maner person or persons from henceforth a reise, leuie, or make any maner weire, goze, or engin in the saide haven betwene the saide places called Sparhawk & Hedwinstremes, vpon paine of C. li. of lawfull english money for every time they do the contrarie, wherof y^e one half shalbe to our soueraigne lord the king, and the other half to him or them that will sue therof by action of dette, bill, plaint, or informacion in any of the kinges courttes

courtes, wherin the partie defendant shal not wage his law, nor in the action any essoine, licence, ne protection be allowed.

¶ And further it shall be lawfull at all times after the feast of Whitsontide nexte comming, to the Mayre, burgeses, and cominaltie of the said towne of Newcastle and their successours, to abate plucke downe and take awaye all and euery of the saide wepyes, gozes, and engins, that shall be than founde standing in any place within the saide porte and hauen, betwene the saide places of Sparhawke and Hedwinstrems, and that here after shall be newly made, leuied, and arced any where within the same, without trouble, let, or vexacion of any maner person or persons, by lute in the lawe or otherwise.

¶ Provided alway, that this act be not pzeiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons beinge the kinges subiectes, for bieng, shipping, lodinge, or unloding of any salte or fishe within the said riuer and porte, or to any of them, or any other person or persons, repaying to the saide porte with shippes and marchandises, for selling or bieng of any wares or marchandises, nedefull for the hitellyng and amending of their sayde shippes, at the time of their there being within the saide porte: this acte or anything comprised in the same, not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerning auowries. Cap. xix.



¶ Here as wel the noble men of this realme, as diuers other persons, by fines, recoueries, grauntes, and secrete feoffmentes and leases, made by their tenants to persons unknownen, of the landes and tenementes holden of them, haue ben put from the knowledge of their tenants, vpon whome they should by order of the law make their auowries for their retes, customes, & seruices, to their great losses & hinderaces.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, establisshed, and ordeined, by auctorite of this present parliament, that where so euer any maner landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes be holden by any maner person or persons, by retes customes, or seruices, that if the lord, of whom any such maner landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes be so holden, distraine vpon the same manours landes or tenementes, for any such retes, customes, or seruices, & replevine therof be sued, that the lord, of whom the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes be so holden, may auow, or his bailiffe or seruaunt make consaunce, or iustifie for taking of the saide distresses, vpon the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes so holden, as in landes or tenementes within his fee or seignorie, alleging in the said auowrie, consaunce and iustification, the same manours, landes, and tenementes to be holden of him without naming of any person certaine to be tenants of the same, and without making any auowrie, iustification, or consaunce vpon any person certaine. And likewise the lord, bailly, or seruaunt, to make auowrie, iustifi-

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justificacion or conisaunce, in like maner and fourme upon every writte sued of seconde deliuerance.

And also be it enacted by the saide auctoritie, that every auowant, and every other person and persons that make any such auowrie, iustification or conisaunce, as bailie, or seruant to any person or persons in any replegiare, or seconde deliuerance, for rentes, customes, seruices, or for damage felant, or other rent or rentes, upon any distress taken in any landes or tenementes: if the same auowrie, conisaunce, or iustification be founde for them, or the plaintifes in the same be nonsuite or otherwise barred, that than they shall recouer their damages and costes against the said plaintifes, as the same plaintifes should haue done or had, if they had recouered in the replegiare, or seconde deliuerance, founde against the saide defendants.

And be it also ordeined, that the said plaintifes and defendantes in the saide writtes of replegiare, or writtes of seconde deliuerance, and in every of them, shall haue like ples and like ayde & praiers in all such auowries, conisaunces, and iustifications, Pleas of disclaym onely excepte, as they might haue had before the making of this acte, and as though the saide auowrie, conisaunce, or iustification had ben made after the due order of the common law.

And it is further enacted by the said auctoritie, that all such persons, as by the order of the common law may lawfully ioyne to the plaintifes or defendants in the saide writtes of replegiare or seconde deliuerance, as well without processe as by processe, shall from henceforth ioyne vnto the saide plaintifes or defendantes, as well without processe as by processe, & to haue like ples and like auantages in all thinges (disclaym onely except) as they might haue done by the order of the common law, before the making of this acte.

An acte that the president of the kinges counsaile shall be associate with the Chauncellour and Treasorer of Englande, and the keeper of the kinges priue seale. Cap. xx.



Where at a parliamēt holdē at westminster in the .iii. yerē of the reigne of our late most drede soueraigne lordē Hencie the vii. for as much as by the vnlawfull maintenances, geuing of liuries, signes, tokens, and retainours, by indentures, promises, othes, writings, or otherwise, embraceries of his subiectes, vntrewe demeanyng of sheriffes in makinge of panelles, and other vntrewe retournes, by takynge of money by iuries, and great riottes and vnlawfull assemblies, the policie and good rule of this realme was almoste subdewed. And for the punishment of these inconueniences by the occasion of the premises, nothyng or littell might be founde by enquerie, wherby the lawes of the lande in execution might take littell effect, which was

was to the encrease of murders, robberies, perjuries, and vnfortunes of all men liuing, & losses of their landes and goodes, to great the displeasure of almightie god: For reformation of which premises, it was ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of the saide parliament amongst other thinges, that the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande for the time beyng, and the keper of the kinges priue seale, or .ii. of them, calling to them a bisshoppe and a tempozall lord of the kinges most honorable counsaile, and the .ii. chiefe iustices of the kinges benche, & the common place for the time being, or other .ii. iustices in their absences vpon bill or information put to the saide Chauncellour for the king, or any other against any person for any misbehauing afoze reherled, shoulde haue auctoritie to call befoze them by writte or by priue seale the said misdoers. And they and other by their discrecion, by whome the truthe might be knowen, to examine. And such as they shoulde finde defectiue, to punish them after their demerites, after the fourme and effecte of statutes therof made, in like maner and fourme as they shoulde and ought to be punished if they were therof conuicted after the due order of the lawe, as by the same statute among other thinges now plainly doth appere. Neuerthelesse in the same good and profitable estatute, the president of the kinges most honorable counsaile, for the time being, attending vpon his most noble and royall person, is omitted and not named in the saide former statutes, made in the .iii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the vii. to be one of the saide persons, that shoulde haue auctoritie to call befoze them such misdoers so offendyng the kinges lawes in any of the premises, as is befoze reherled.

Be it therfore now by the auctoritie of this present parliamente ordeined and enacted, that from henceforth the Chauncellour, Treasourer of Englande, and the president of the kinges most honorable counsaile, attendinge vpon his most honorable persone, for the time being, and keper of the kinges priue seale, or two of them, calling vnto them one bisshoppe, and one tempozall lord of the kinges most honorable counsaile, and the two chiefe iustices of the kinges benche, and the common place for the time being, or other two of the kinges iustices in their absence, vpon any byll or information hereafter to be put in, the chauncellour of England, Treasourer, presidente of the kinges saide most honorable counsaile, or keper of the kinges priue seale for the time being, for any misbehauinge befoze reherled, from henceforth, haue full power and auctoritie to call befoze them, by writte or priue seale, such misdoers, and them and other by their discrecion, by whom the truthe maie be knowen, to examine. And such as they shall fynde defectiue, to punish them after their demerites, after the fourme and effecte of the saide former estatute, and of al other statutes therof tofoze made, and not repelled and expired, in lyke maner and fourme as they shoulde and oughte to bee punished, if they were therof conuicted after due order of the kinges lawes.

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And also be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that the President of the kinges said moste honorable counsaile, for the time being, if he be than present, maie be at al times hereafter associate with the Chancellour, Treasorer of England, and keeper of the kinges priue seale for the time beinge, as well at the naminge of sheriffes and settinge of pyles of wines, as at all other actes lymitte and appointed by anye statute to be done by the saide chancellour, and Treasorer, or keeper of the kinges priue seale, for the time beinge: Any acte, statute, or othe heretofore made or made to be contrarye not withstanding.

An acte for permouth concerninge makinge of woestedes. Cap. xxi.



Where at a parliament holden at London the .xv. day of April, in the .xiii. yere of our soueraine lord the king that now is, & from thence adiourned to westminster the last day of July, in the .xv. yere of our said soueraine lord, & there ended it was ordeined, enacted & established, that the craftes me, called woestede weauers, inhabited in the towne of great permouth, shuld haue power and auctorite by that acte, from thence forthward to electe and chole perely for euer on the monday nexte after the feast of Penthecost, one honest man of the mistery and occupation of woestede weauers, beinge an householder within the saide towne of great permouth, and hauynge of his propre goodes and cattels, to the value of ten pounde at the leaste, or landes or tenementes to his owne ble of estate of free holde at the leaste, to the cleere perely value of .xx. s. to be wardeine of the same craft & misterie of woestede weauers, for the nexte yere ensuynge, whiche man so elected and chosen, shulde personally appere before the maire of the cite of Norwiche, for the time beinge, the monday nexte after the feast of Corpus christi, than nexte ensuynge, than & there to be swoorne and charged by like othe, concerninge therte we and substantial makynge of wostedes, saies, and stannys, within the said towne of great permouth, as the four wardens of the saide cite of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of parliamente made in the .vii. yere of king Edward the fourth, were charged & sworn to for the same cite of Norwiche. And if the saide maire happened to be absent the saide monday nexte after Corpus christi, or els then refused to receiue or take the saide othe, than the said warden so electe within iiii. daies nexte after the same monday, shulde come before the bailiffes of the saide towne of great permouth for the time being, or before one of the, the other beinge absent, and then and there receiue a corporall othe for the true exercisinge of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of the othe accustomed, bled to be genen to the saide wardens of the saide cite of Norwiche. And than the saide wardeine of the said towne of great permouth for the time beinge, so electe and sworn, mighte ordeine and appointe a

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seale with this letter. p. to be grauen in the same seale, & might haue full power and auctorite to viewe, serche, seale, and seale in leade with the same seale, so to be appointed and engatien, and none other, all woostedes, laies and flammis, within the saide towne of permouth, and suburbs of the same, made or to be made & not elles where, in as large and ample maner as the said wardens of the saide cite of Norwich, and the wardens of the countie of Norff. or any of them had within the saide cite of countie, or in any wille male dooe in that behalfs by auctorite or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the saide. vii. yers of kinge Edward the iiii. any thinge in the same contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And that no personne, inhabited within the saide towne of greate permouth or suburbs thereof, shoulde weaue any woostedes, laies, or flammis, within the same towne, excepte he be an englishe man bozne, and had been apprentice to the saide occupation, and without he weaues there such proper markes as shulde be limited and appointed by the saide warden of the saide towne, for the time beinge, electe and swozne as is afore sayde, upon paine of forfeiture thereof to the kinge our soueraigne lord. And that every warden of the saide towne shuld limite distincte and legittimall markes to euery of the saide woostede weauers of the saide towne of greate permouth. And the same markes by the said warden to be registred in a booke. And also to be further enacted, that if, and when so ever the towne of Lynne shuld be inhabited with .x. hundreth householders or more number of householders, exercising and vsing the saide crafte or misterie of woostede weauers, then and from thenceforth, that is to saie, as long as the saide towne of Lynne shuld be inhabited with the nombie of .x. such householders at the least, it shoulde be lesull to the same inhabytantes of the saide towne of Lynne, yety in the monday nexte after the feast of Penthecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardeine of the saide craft and misterie of woostede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes, as is afore saide of the wardeine of permouth, which wardeine so elect shuld yety be swozne and charged at the saide cite of Norwich, in like maner and at the same daie as is before limited to the wardens of permouth: or in default of the saide waite of Norwich, than the saide wardeine so to be electe for the saide towne of Lynne, to take a corporall othe before the mayer of the saide towne of Lynne, within such time and after such tyme as is before limited vnto the saide warden of permouth.

¶ And that the saide wardeine of the saide towne of Lynne, for the tyme beinge, to electe and swozne by himselfe mighte ordeine and appointe a seale with this letter. To be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full power and auctorite to viewe, serche, seale, & seale in leade, with the same seale so to be grauen, and with none other, all woostedes, laies, & flammis, within the saide towne of Lynne, and suburbs of the same, made or to be made, and not elles where, in as large and ample maner as the saide wardeine of the saide cite of Norwich, and wardeine of the saide countie of Norff.

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Norff. or anye of theim had within the saide citee or countie, or otherwise mighte dooe by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesaid acte, made in the saide vii. yere of kinge Edward the fourthe, Any thinge contained in the same acte to the contrary not withstandinge. And that no person inhabited within the saide towne of Linne, or the suburbes therof, shoulde make any woostedes, saies, or stamins, within the same towne, excepte he were englishe bozne, and had bene apprentice to the same occupacion, and withoute weaved therein suche propre marke, as shoulde be limited and appointed by the saide wardeine of the same towne of Linne for the time beinge, vppon peine of forfaiture thereof to the kinge our soueraigne lord. And that euerye gardeine of the saide towne shoulde limite distincie and seueralle markes to euery of the saide woostede weauers of the same towne, And the same markes by the saide wardeine to be registred in a booke.

And it was further enacted, that from the feast of saint Michael the archaungell than nexte folowinge, vnto suche time as the saide towne of Lynne shoulde be inhabited with the said numbze of tenne householders of the saide crafte of woostede weauers, & alwaies after, whan that numbze of tenne householders shoulde happen to faile and not be inhabited in the saide towne of Lynne, the saide wardeins of the said citee of Norwiche and their successours, shoulde procure and cause one of them selues, or one of the wardeines of the saide crafte of the saide countie of Norff. personally to come and be euery .xxviii. daie, from and after the said feast of saint Michael the archaungell, in, and to the saide towne of Lin, or within .vi. daies nexte after euery suche .xxviii. day. And there to continue and abyde by so longe time as he might serche and seale all suche woostedes, saies, and stamins, made in the same towne of Linne, as then shoulde be brought to him to be sealed within the space of one hole daie. And the saide inhabitauntes of woostede weauers of the same towne of Linne beinge, shoulde contente and paie the saide wardeine of Norwiche or Norfolke, whiche shoulde so come to Linne in the saide .xxviii. daie, or within the .vi. daies nexte after the saide .xxviii. daie, for his costes and expences, for euery time that he shoulde so come to Lyn betwene the feastes of saint Michael the archaungell, and the Annunciation of our lady saint Marie .iii. s. And for euery time that he shoulde so come to the saide towne of Linne, betwene the feast of the Annunciation of our lady, and the feast of sainte Michael the archaungelle .ii. s. And if the saide inhabitauntes of woostede weauers, of the saide towne of Linne, dyd not content and paie to the saide warden, cominge to Lin in foure aforesaide, for his saide costes and charges, the saide .iii. s. or .ii. s. as is aboue limited: than the same inhabitauntes shulde forfait and paie to the saide wardeine or to his executours, for euery suche defaute of paiement. xl. s. And if none of the saide wardeines of Norwiche and Norfolke come to the said towne of Linne, for the cause aforesaide, in maner and foure aboue remembred, that the saide wardeines of the said citee of Norwiche shoulde forfait and paie to the saide inhabitauntes of

Lynne, of the saide misterie of worstede weauers for euery suche defaulte
xl.s. for recompence of whiche penaltie and forsautes the said wardenes
of porthwicke or portholke, beinge there vnto entituled by that acte, by his
propre name, with this addicion, that is to saie, *Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper v-*
nus gardianorum artis sue misterie textorum panni lanci Vocat. worsted. in ciuitate Norwici, vel
comitat. Norff. as the trouthe requiteth, shoulde and might haue action of
dette, by writte, byll, or plainte, in anie competent or lafull courte of this
realme, agaynst the inhabitantes of Lynne, of the sayde mysterie for the
tyme beyng, by their sundry proper names. And the saide inhabitantes
by their saide names with this addicion, *Textorum panni lanci Vocat. worstedes,*
inhabitantes ville de Lynne. shoulde and might haue like actions of dette agaynst
the saide wardens of porthwicke, by the name of *Gardiani artis sue misterie textor-*
um pannorum lancorum Vocat. worstedes, infra ciuitatem Norwici, vel com. Norff. to be
vled to good congruities of laten, and iourne of the lawes of this realme,
In whiche actions, or anie of them, none essone, protection, or wager of
lawe shuld be suffered or allowed. And that the perticuler bodiees or goodes
of any of the saide wardens or inhabitantes, beinge condemned in any of
the saide actions, shoulde and might be put in execucion, after suche ma-
ner and fourme as is vled in actions of det, by courte of the common lawe
of this realme. And mozeouer it was enacted, that all clothes of worstedes
saies, & stamins, made within any of the saide townees of Lynne and great
permouth, or suburbes of the same or any of them, and marked with suche
markes as shoulde be limited to the markers by the sayde wardens of the
saide towne, in maner and fourme as is abouesaide, And viewed and sea-
led by any of the wardens of the saide townees of Lynne and permouth, in
fourme remembred, by force & vertue of the said act: might be lafully put
to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other marking
or sealing, vpon the same clothes, or vppon any of them to be had or made,
of or vppon any of the saide clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes.
Any thinge contained in the saide, bit. yere of kynge Edward the fourthe
to the contrarie notwithstandinge. And ouer this it was enacted, that eue-
ry crafter man of the saide misterie and occupation of worstede makinge,
dwellynge within anie the saide townees of Lynne and permouth, and
suburbes of the same, at their owne free willes and liberties from thense-
forth for euer might haue and take apprentice or apprentices beinge male
of the age of .xviii. yeres and byward, & beinge the kinges naturall subiec-
tes, for terme of .vii. yeres and not buder, so that none of them excede the
nounge of two at ones, to lerne, ble, and exercise the saide crafte with-
in either of the saide two townees of Lynne and great permouth, and su-
burbes of the same. All bee it the father of the saide apprentice or appren-
tices might not expende in landes or tenementes to the yerely valne of twen-
tie.s. any acte or ordinaunce to the contrarie made or to be made not with-
standinge.

Provided alway that the same act nor any thing therein contained shuld
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not in any wise be hurtfull or prejudiciall to the maire of Norwich, or to his successor, or to the wardens of the said cite or countie, or to their successors, in any point, article, power, or auctoritie, other than for weaving, sercheing, and sealing of the worstedes, saies, and stamines, made or to be made onely within the saide towne of Linne and yermouth, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them. And for limitting of markes to the makers of worstedes, saies, and stamines, only inhabited in either of the said townes or suburbes therof, and taking of apprentices in fourme above remembred: But that the saide Maire of the said cite of Norwich, and wardens of the same cite and countie, and euery of them might haue and vse all other pointes, articles, powers, and auctorities contained and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the said seventh yere of kyng Edward the fourth, as well for the serche, sealinge, correction, & reformation of the said wardens, newly to be electe by vertue of the same act and euery of them, according and after such fourme as they might doe or vse, any of the said wardens of the saide cite or countie, by force of the said acte made in the saide. vii. yere of king Edward the fourth, as all and enerie other enqueries, corrections, sercheinges, sealinges, and reformacions to be had for the trew making of worstedes, saies, and stamins, in and upon any person or persons, as well within the said townes of Linne and yermouth, as without, without trouble, let or vexacion of any of the inhabitantes of the saide townes, in as large and ample wise as they might haue done befoze the making of the saide acte, any thinge contained in the same acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ And also it was further prouided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worstede weauers, inhabited or after that to be inhabited, within either of the said townes of Linne and yermouth, or suburbes of the same, and the marchauntes or any other person or persons, which should happen to bie of the same craftes men, or any of the, or of any other person, any of the saide clothes of worstedes, saies, stamins, made or to be made within either of the said townes of Linne and yermouth, and sealed by the saide wardens of the same townes to be electe and swozne as is aforesaide.

And any of them should not there, die, or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes, stamines, or saies, made or after that to be made within either of the saide townes of Linne and yermouth, or suburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the saide cite of Norwich or suburbes of the same, upon peine of forfeiture of euery yere of Worstede, saies, or stamines, to be made within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouth, or suburbes of the same, or the value thereof, shorne, died, coloured, or kalendred, by any of the saide craftes men, biers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide cite of Norwich or suburbes of the same, the one half therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, and the other halfe to suche person or persons as shoulde lease the same, so that the saide worstedes brought to the saide cite of Norwich

to be shorne died, coloured, and kalendzed, without couine or craffe of any of the saide inhabitautes and marchautes might be shorne, died, coloured, and kalendzed, at and by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wise as the saide inhabitautes of either of the saide towne of Lin and yermouth, and marchautes, biers of the saide woostedes, or other of the saide citee and countie had had in times past, or after that should haue and also that the same inhabitautes and marchautes, and euery of the, so bringing the saide woostedes to the same citee to be shorne, died, coloured, and kalendzed, were reasonably and lawfully entreated, accordyng to the saide acte made in the saide. vii. yere of king Edward the fourth, and the ordinaunces made and affirmed, or there after to be made & affirmed for the saide mistery, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same acte or ordinaunces in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no person or persons at any time after that should conuey or transpote into any of the parties of beyond the sea, any maner of clothes of woostedes before the same clothes were shorne, died, coloured, and kalendzed, upon peine of forfaiture the value therof, the one halfe to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other half therof to the partie that will sue therfore by action or plainte of det in any of the kinges courtes: In whiche action or sute no protection or essoine should bee allowed, nor the offendour admitted to wage his law, as by the saide act therof made moze plainly appereth, which acte was made to endure vnto the next parliament, wherby it is now expired.

¶ In consideration wherof, and for as moche as the same acte is a good & a necessarie act for the trew making of woostedes saies and stamenes, and very comodious and profitable for the encrease of the saide towne of yermouth and Linne. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the same acte, and euery article, sentence, and prouision therein contained, from the first day of this present parliament, be and stande in full strength, vertue, and effecte, and to endure vnto the last ende of the next parliament, any thing in the same acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

God saue the King.

LONDON: IN AEDJBVS THOMAS
BERTHELET REGII J^m
PRESSORIS.

